

RESOLUTION #2026-15

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NWARPC TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT
FOR A NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOUR DATA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), as a Council of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), provides a forum for regional cooperation and delivers a wide range of planning, administrative, and technical services to its member governments; and

WHEREAS, accurate, up-to-date, high-resolution topographic contour data are an essential resource for transportation planning, infrastructure design, stormwater management, floodplain analysis, land use planning, emergency management, and other regional and local planning initiatives; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC has previously coordinated the development of regional contour data to provide a consistent, high-quality mapping resource that supports member jurisdictions and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, updated Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) elevation data is available for Northwest Arkansas, creating an opportunity to develop updated one-foot contour data for all or portions of the region based on available funding and project priorities; and

WHEREAS, up to \$105,596 has been allocated in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 NWARPC Budget for the procurement of professional services to develop updated regional contour data for the benefit of NWARPC member governments and regional stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to procure professional services for the Northwest Arkansas Regional Contour Data Development Project.

SECTION 2: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the NWARPC in all matters concerning the project, including: (1) executing contracts and any other documents necessary to implement the project; (2) determining the final project scope and geographic coverage based on available funding and updated LiDAR data; and (3) carrying out all actions necessary to administer and complete the project in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026 .

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST: _____