



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager

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Re: Item #7: Risk Management Program, FY15 Grant Cycle

Staff Recommendations:

No recommendation – for discussion only

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion

Discussion:

The Management Team has completed its planning for the FY15 Risk Management Cycle in close partnership with participating jurisdictions, the NCRIC, and Digital Sandbox.

Approval Authority Bylaws specify that the Approval Authority must use a risk and capability-based methodology to apply for and allocate grant funds. This is consistent with guidance from DHS that states that all levels of government must establish a foundation to justify and guide preparedness activities and investments. In addition, DHS requires all grantees to produce a Threat Hazard Identifications and Risk Assessment (THIRA). Our robust participation and work has been repeatedly acknowledged by Cal OES and FEMA as a model risk assessment process.

We have made changes to the FY15 risk management program to improve efficiency and focus efforts. We are now going to implement a two year cycle for producing an updated regional capability assessment and Bay Area Homeland Security Strategy. Previously, we updated this information on an annual basis; but since there has been little change in recent years and we have established a strong baseline of information and practices, the high level of effort required from jurisdictions to produce this information on an annual basis is no longer justifiable. Moreover, DHS only requires UASI regions to produce a strategy every two years. The Management Team will closely monitor and assess changes in our Bay Area threat and capability landscape and recommend changes to the strategy mid-cycle if necessary.

However, please note that all other elements of the risk management cycle will remain annual. Jurisdictions will have the opportunity to update their asset risk information on an annual basis. In addition, each year the Management Team will refresh the hub funding formula and recommend priority capability objectives to the Approval Authority to guide hub funding.

Please see appendix A for the outline of the FY15 Risk Management Program.

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