



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager**  
**Date: April 9, 2015**  
**Re: Item 3: General Manager's Report**

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**Staff Recommendation:**

No recommendation – for discussion only

**Action or Discussion Items:**

- a) FY 2015 UASI Grant Update (Discussion Only)
- b) Securing the Cities Grant (Discussion Only)
- c) Cal OES Approval Authority Representative (Discussion Only)
- d) BAUASI Management Team Update (Discussion Only)

**Discussion:**

- a) FY 2015 UASI Grant Update

On April 2, 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the release of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Notices of Funding Opportunity for nine DHS preparedness grant programs totaling more than \$1.6 billion. The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) was provided \$587 million to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities for the nation's 28 highest-risk, highest-threat urban areas (i.e. 28 urban areas, 11 less than the 39 urban areas funded last year). This represents Congressional intent to limit FY 2015 UASI funding to those Urban Areas that represent up to 85% of the nationwide risk. The allocation for the Bay Area UASI will be \$28.4 million, which is \$1 million more than the \$27.4 million allocation received in FY 2014. Additionally, as a result of the progress in the decline of the unspent balance, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson announced that the period of performance will return to three years for the Fiscal Year 2015 UASI grant. Also, once again, Congress rejected the implementation of a national preparedness grant.

#### b) Securing the Cities (STC) Grant

The Dept. of Homeland Security has released the FY 2015 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Securing the Cities (STC) grant, which is intended to enable State and local operations for nuclear detection through a three-phased program that provides for the implementation of nuclear detection capabilities in all eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) regions: the Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Dallas/Ft Worth/Arlington, Houston, Philadelphia, and San Diego.

The grant is designed to reduce the risk of the successful deployment of a nuclear terrorist weapon against a major metropolitan region in the US. For FY 2015, \$3.5 million dollars is available for funding and upwards of \$30 million dollars may be available to the recipient over the five year performance period of the grant. Similar to last year, the application is extremely detailed and requires the participation of 8-12 principal partner agencies as well as signed Letters of Commitment from these agencies which must be submitted with the application. We have initiated the application process and have sent requests for Letters of Commitment to the agencies that previously provided them. Phil White and Mary Landers are taking the lead on the grant application and they may be reaching out to you in the coming weeks. The application must be submitted by June 3, 2015 with the anticipated grant selection date of August 15, 2015.

#### c) Cal OES Approval Authority Representative

The General Manager received a letter, dated February 20<sup>th</sup>, responsive to a request to appoint a non-voting representative to the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority. Although Cal OES will not appoint an official representative to the Approval Authority, Jodi Traversaro, Cal OES' Coastal Regional Administrator will attend meetings as a partnering agency. We look forward to working with Ms. Traversaro to ensure that our goals and strategies are mutually aligned.

#### d) BAUASI Management Team Update

##### Grants Specialist

The BAUSI Management Team has hired Yoshimi Saito as a Grants Specialist. Yoshimi brings a wealth of experience to our office. She served as an accountant and analyst for the San Francisco Airport Commission, the Department of Public Health, and the Controller's Office. Ms. Saito is a graduate of San Francisco State University with a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Ms. Saito will assume her duties on April 13.

##### Training and Exercise Manager

Commander Tom Wright has been appointed as the new Regional Training and Exercise Manager. He has 18 years of law enforcement experience with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and has served in multiple capacities within the agency, including the jails, patrol, juvenile investigations, narcotics, commanding officer at Oakland International Airport, and county-wide services. He has also served as Incident Commander for Urban Shield.

Commander Wright is also a veteran of the US Air Force (USAF) and was an honor graduate from the USAF Law Enforcement Academy.

#### Emergency Services Coordinator II

Currently serving as principal administrator for the Bay Area UASI Management Team, Ethan Baker has been promoted to an Emergency Services Coordinator II position. His responsibilities include not only managing the website and producing/editing the annual report and newsletters; but also, include managing the website's upgrade project, developing policies and procedures for social media, and working on the technical aspects of the project proposal process.