



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager

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Re: Item #3: General Manager's Report

Staff Recommendation: Discussion only.

Action and/or Discussion Items: Discussion Only

- a) Update on Field Monitoring Visits (Discussion)
- b) 2013 Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Process (THIRA) (Discussion)
- c) Grant Applications Update (Discussion)
- d) Capability Assessment Workshop (Discussion)

Discussion/Description:

(a) Field Monitoring Visits

The Grants Management Team has begun its grant-mandated field monitoring visits to UASI grant subrecipients. So far the grants management team has visited four jurisdictions, namely Sonoma, San Rafael, Alameda, and Twin Cities Police Authority, with 15 more jurisdictions to cover. The team has been sharing best practices with the various departments and agencies they visited. A comprehensive report will be compiled and presented at the 2014 January Approval Authority meeting.

(b) 2013 Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Process (THIRA)

FEMA (Region 9) conducted a three day technical assistance workshop regarding the latest develops involving the THIRA process, which is part of Presidential Policy Directive: National Preparedness.

In 2012, jurisdictions receiving federal UASI grant funds were required to produce a THIRA at the end of the calendar year. Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 201 provided

communities with guidance for conducting a THIRA, which included a five step process: (1) Identify the threats and hazards of concern; (2) give threats and hazards context; (3) examine the core capabilities using the threats and hazards; (4) set capability targets; and (5) apply the results.

In 2013, CPG 201, 2nd edition, streamlined the process by combining steps 4 and 5 so that the THIRA process only involves four steps. CPG 201, 2nd edition, expanded the process to include an estimation of resources needed to meet capability targets such as National Incident Management System (NIMS)-typed resources and other standardized resource types as well as a new on-line tool for collecting all information.

As part of the CA Statewide Risk Management program, Digital Sandbox will be drafting the THIRA for all the CA UASIs that received grant funds similar to 2012. We will be working with Digital Sandbox in using our Capability Assessment Report and other relevant data to update our previous THIRA by the end of December 2013.

(c) Grant Applications Update

As mentioned at the August Approval Authority meeting, the Management Team is seeking grant opportunities that supplement the mission/goals of the Bay Area UASI.

On August 16, 2013 we submitted two grant applications for the National Continuing Training Grant (CTG) program: the first application was for an Intelligence-led Incident Management Program (IIM) which will examine the combined role of emergency management, fusion centers, intelligence nodes, public safety, and the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) in preparing for, mitigating and responding to manmade and natural hazard caused incidents at the local and multi-jurisdictional level.

The other application is a proposed class - Countering Maritime Terrorism: Protecting America's Waterways (CMT) - which is intended to improve multi-jurisdictional response to maritime security risks; strengthen communication efforts within the community to deter/disrupt violent extremists; raise awareness of issues regarding privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties; and provide comprehensive awareness training that includes environmental consequences that may ensue. Both applications are for approximately \$1 million and have a three year performance period. We should receive notification within the next few weeks.

Additionally we are reviewing Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. We also plan to review the FOA requirements for the Securing the Cities (STC) Grant, which should be released in the spring of 2014.

The Securing the Cities (STC) Program is designed to develop coordinated and integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear materials that are out of regulatory control and may be used as a weapon within high-risk metropolitan areas in the United States. Through a federal appropriation, the STC program enacted a \$22 million dollar program with a 5 year performance period. As described in the appropriation, \$20 million was to be awarded to New York City with

the remaining \$2 million awarded to a new STC location beyond New York City. The LA/Long Beach UASI was the recipient of the \$2 million in funds.

(d) Capability Assessment Workshop

On August 27, 2013, David Frazer of the Bay Area UASI Management Team hosted a regional capabilities assessment workshop with subject matter and regional experts to assess core capabilities and levels of readiness to meet identified risks. The workshop was conducted in Dublin, CA. The product of this work is a regional gap analysis report showing areas in need of attention and mitigation. We will also be using the data for updating our THIRA.