



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Janell Myhre, UASI Regional Program Manager**  
**Date: October 8, 2015**  
**Re: Item 4: POD Planning and Security**

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**Recommendation:**

None - for discussion only

**Action or Discussion Item:**

Discussion

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In the August 2015 meeting, the Approval Authority requested additional information concerning the Points of Distribution (POD) Planning and Security Project (i.e. POD locations, FEMA typing and security equipment needs)

*What is a POD?*

A POD is where the public goes to pick up emergency supplies following a disaster. The need for a POD is based on lack of infrastructure to support normal distribution of food, water, or other supplies. Local government is responsible for setting up and supporting POD operations, and local law enforcement is responsible for POD security. POD operations are a critical touchstone with the public, and the local emergency management agency's success is measured by meeting the public's needs in a safe and efficient manner.

*Background:*

In 2014, the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) Work Group's engagement with the state-federal earthquake planning process revealed POD planning to be a critical gap in regional preparation for a significant incident. The October 2014 Regional POD Operations Workshop identified the need to identify and establish POD locations, consider pre-staging POD site equipment, as well as conduct exercises to build capability. In August this year, we learned that

the Supply Chain Security and Integrity Core Capability is ranked #1 in the 2015 Bay Area Risk and Gap Analysis, meaning, it is the most critical gap that we must close in order to address our regional risks. In September 2015, the Management Team held consultations with the core cities and reached out to interested OAs to discuss POD planning status and needs. We then formulated the project approach with their input.

*Projected Project Approach:*

The UASI Management Team will work with a consultant and hold workshops with regional partners to identify POD locations, types, and security equipment needs. The consultant will also provide in-depth technical assistance to select pilot sites. Yellow Command 2016 will exercise POD activation with lessons learned from preceding tabletop exercises. Staff will explore the option of a regional contingency contract for logistics response services.

Objective	Timeframe	FY13 Unspent Funds
<b>Workshops</b> to assist regional stakeholders to identify POD type, site locations, site security, procedures, template agreements/MOUs, and equipment needs	February – June 2016	\$30,000
<b>Technical assistance</b> to pilot sites (core cities, Alameda, and Solano counties) to assist with site identification; geospatial mapping; equipment needs; complete MOU agreements; and staffing, activation and implementation plans.	March – July 2016	\$170,00
<b>Tabletop Exercise</b> for law enforcement agencies on POD security and for logistics personnel on POD set up	August 2016	
<b>Full Scale Exercise</b> of POD capabilities Yellow Command/Urban Shield (San Jose, Alameda, and Solano)	September 2016	
<b>Equipment Procurement.</b> The Management Team will develop a plan for needed POD equipment and how to procure it based on the Yellow Command/Urban Shield AAR, research on contingency contracts, and regional consultation.	March 2017	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$200,000</b>