



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager**

**Date: March 13, 2014**

**RE: Item 3: General Manager's Report**

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**Recommendations:** Discussion only.

**Action or Discussion Items:**

- (a) Securing the Cities (STC) Grant (Discussion Only)
- (b) Trip to Washington, D.C. (Discussion)
- (c) Management Team Update (Discussion Only)
- (d) Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator Position Update (Discussion Only)

**Discussion/Description:**

- (a) Securing the Cities (STC) Grant (Discussion Only)

The Dept. of Homeland Security has released the FY 2014 Standing Funding Opportunity Announcement (SFOA) for the Securing the Cities (STC) grant. This 5 year grant, which is designed to reduce the risk of the successful deployment of a nuclear terrorist weapon against a major metropolitan region in the US, will award one UASI \$5.6 million dollars in 2014 and upwards of \$30 million dollars to the recipient over the life of the grant. There are 8 UASIs eligible to apply: the Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Dallas/Ft Worth/Arlington, Houston, National Capitol Region, Philadelphia, and San Diego. The application is extremely detailed and requires the selection of 8-12 principal agencies as well as signed Letters of Commitment from these agencies which must be submitted with the application. Bruce Martin and Mary Landers are taking the lead on this grant application process and they may be reaching out to you in the coming weeks. The application must be submitted by May 16 with the anticipated grant selection date of August 15th.

- (b) Trip to Washington, D.C. (Discussion Only)

From February 24 - 26, Approval Authority Members Alameda County Under Sheriff Rich Lucia, Santa Clara County Fire Chief Ken Kehmna, Oakland OES/Homeland Security Director Renee Domingo, Alternate Approval Authority Member Amiee Alden, the BAUSI General Manager, and NCRIC Director,

Mike Sena visited Washington, D.C. to meet with key policy makers and provide information and education about how the UASI grants have built capabilities in the Bay Area. The group highlighted important and successful achievements of the Bay Area UASI.

The group met with the representatives from the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Homeland Security Committee as well as with staffers from the offices of Representatives Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Anna Eshoo, Barbara Lee, and the Office of Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. The group personally met Representative Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) who was very interested in the goals and objectives of the BAUSI. The trip concluded with a meeting with representatives from the Department of Homeland Security & FEMA and staffers from the office of Senator Dianne Feinstein.

The delegation strengthened relationships with Congressional staff and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials who are key to delivering homeland security funding to the Bay Area. They also communicated the benefits of and need for continued UASI funding in the Bay Area. During a hearing of the House Homeland Security Committee on February 26, Congressman Swalwell directly engaged Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson and urged him to give extra consideration to the assets of the entire 12-county Bay Area UASI footprint and not just the 7 counties considered in the Relative Risk Score developed by DHS. This score is the prime factor in the determination of grant funding.

A video clip of Congressman Swalwell's exchange with Secretary Johnson can be viewed here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6Q\\_C8KslNY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6Q_C8KslNY&feature=youtu.be)

### (c) Management Team Update (Discussion Only)

The Management Team is in the final recruitment stage for the selection of the Resilience and Recovery Project Manager position. As mentioned at the October 10, 2013 Approval Authority meeting, the position will be responsible for developing and implementing regional programs and for project planning with a focus on citizen preparedness, emergency planning, resiliency, recovery, and health and medical preparedness.

Jeff Blau, the Project Manager for Interoperable Communications projects no longer works for the Management Team. Mary Landers will be handling such projects in the interim until the Management Team refines its strategy to effectively and efficiently address its work flow.

The Bay Area UASI has been offered a City Hall Fellow in FY2015. Launched in 2008, the City Hall Fellows Program leverages talented, passionate, and well-trained young individuals to work in local government. It is a national and highly competitive program that operates in three cities (San Francisco, Houston and Baton Rouge). Many alumni continue in local public service immediately post-Fellowship and/or after graduate school.

The fellow will work on the following tasks as follows:

- Assist jurisdictions to make asset updates in Digital Sandbox
- Support Urban Shield Yellow Command

- THIRA scenario development

This fellow will report to Bay Area UASI Management Team project staff. He or she will start in August 2014 and work nearly full time through the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

(d) The Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator Position Update (Discussion Only)

The Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator position has been posted on the website of SRA International Inc. (Requisition Number: 45543BR) The Link is as follows:

<http://www.sra.com/careers/search.php>

Mike Sena will be the lead on the recruitment. After the selection of a candidate pool, an interview panel, comprised of representatives from the Coalition of California UASIs (CCU), Cal Sheriffs, Cal Chiefs, the State Threat Assessment System's (STAS) Fusion Centers, the Cal Node Administrators, and Cal OES will interview the final candidates later this month.