



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Mike Sena, NCRIC Director, Advisory Group Chairperson**

**Date: March 14, 2013**

**Re: Item #4: Advisory Group Report**

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**Recommendations:**

The UASI Advisory Group recommends approval of the regional project proposals submitted by the North, East, South and West Bay Hubs. The Advisory Group recommends addressing the issue of potential FY 2013 UASI grant decreases or increases once the grant allocations have been officially announced. The Advisory Group also recommends that potential salary savings that are generated due to overlapping FY 2011 and 2012 fiscal grant years should in full or in part be directed to regional Hub projects that are capable of completion within the time frame of the grant.

**Action or Discussion Items:**

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, The UASI Advisory Group reviewed the regional projects that had been submitted to the UASI Management Team by the North, East, South and West Bay Hubs. All of the submitted projects met the requirements for Advisory Group review. The Advisory Group's recommendation is that all the projects be approved for funding as it becomes available based on each of the Hubs' prioritization lists.

The Advisory Group also reviewed the process for funding allocations regarding the potential increase or decrease of FY2013 UASI funding. After considerable deliberation the Advisory Group's recommendation is to hold a meeting to review the issue shortly after the official announcement of the Bay Area's grant allocation is made.

During the meeting, UASI Management Team Assistant General Manager Catherine Spaulding provided a presentation regarding the potential salary savings created due to the FEMA's modification of the grant cycle time lines in FY 2012 from three to two years. The change in the grant time lines has produced an overlap in FY 2011 and FY 2012 grant years resulting in potential salary savings. Due to the short time period for expenditure of the funding the UASI Management Team recommended that most of the potential salary savings be reallocated to Hub "shovel ready" projects that can be completed prior to the closing of the grant year. The Advisory Group concurred with the Management Teams recommendation and voted to forward it to the Approval Authority.