



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager**

**Date: April 10, 2014**

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

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**Recommendations:** Discussion only.

**Action or Discussion Items:**

- (a) UASI FY 2014 Grant Allocation (Discussion Only)
- (b) Transit Security Grant Funds (Discussion Only)
- (c) Management Team Update (Discussion Only)

**Discussion/Description:**

- (a) UASI FY 2014 Grant Allocation (Discussion Only)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcements for six DHS preparedness grant programs totaling over \$1.6 billion.

Within the requirements of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014, the FY 2014 grant guidance will continue to focus on the nation's highest risk areas, including urban areas that face the most significant threats.

For FY 2014, the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) will enhance regional preparedness by funding 39 high-threat, high-density urban areas - increasing the number of UASI funded urban areas from 25 in FY 2013 to 39 in FY 2014, and funding the highest number of urban areas nation-wide since FY 2010.

For FY 2014, the BAUASI will receive \$27,400,000, which is a modest .54% increase of \$147,831 from the \$27,252,169 awarded in FY 2013.

- (b) Transit Security Grant Program (Discussion Only)

The Management Team has reached out to a few potential grantees of the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) to determine whether there may be projects that could be pursued under the TSGP that could benefit the entire Bay Area region.

One potential project proposed involves enhancing visual surveillance with live monitoring by placing facial recognition equipment on buses and trains. Such project would promote regional collaboration with the Northern California Regional Information Center (NCRIC) with collecting and disseminating real time information. The project would enhance the areas of a multi-user high-density key infrastructure protection. The proposal would involve the purchase of equipment and facial recognition software with an interface to WiFi capabilities.

The Management Team would propose assisting the grantee to apply for grant funding as well as the associated project management in consideration for the M&A portion of the grant funds.

(c) Management Team Update (Discussion Only)

Waimen Chee, Emergency Services Assistant, will be leaving the Management Team at the end of April. He has accepted a law enforcement position with the UCSF campus. Mr. Chee was responsible for administrative support to the Bay Area UASI Management Team, assisting with the coordination of all documentation for the monthly Approval Authority meetings, and acting as a liaison to the general public.

We will be recruiting for Mr. Chee's replacement. Mary Landers will be the lead in the recruitment process. Please refer potential candidates to Mary Landers.