



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager

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Re: Item 3: General Manager's Report

Staff Recommendation:

None

Action or Discussion Items:

- (a) 2015 National Homeland Security Conference (Discussion Only).
- (b) Cyber Security End User Training (Discussion Only)
- (c) Grant Monitoring Process (Discussion Only)
- (d) California Public Information Sharing Environment Council Meeting (Discussion Only)
- (e) Management Team Update (Discussion Only)

Discussion:

(a) 2015 National Homeland Security Conference

The 9th annual National Homeland Security Conference occurred on June 9 – 11 in San Antonio TX. The conference theme was “Securing our Liberty by Protecting our Homeland”. Keynote Speakers included: Lieutenant General Perry L Wiggins, Commander U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), Chief W. Nim Kidd, TX Division of Emergency Management, and Pierre-Edouard Colliex, Police Attache, Embassy of France.

The Management Team participated in panel discussions that highlighted various projects, including ongoing community resiliency efforts that lead to guides for public/private partnerships; logistics planning and stockpile operations; and the sustainment of grant funding through collaboration and adaptability.

Next year's conference will be in Tampa, Florida and the 2017 conference is scheduled for Buffalo, New York.

(b) Cyber Security End User Training

In May 2013, the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) established a Cyber Unit to collect and share cyber information as well as to provide intelligence, analysis, and defense. At the

August 8, 2013 Approval Authority meeting, the Approval Authority allocated \$405, 220 from FY 13 UASI funds to support three cyber unit positions for a twelve month period. One of the deliverables of the unit is to provide assessments and strategic analysis of cyber threats to the region as well as developing and providing end user training to NCRIC's regional partners.

NCRIC Cyber Analyst Elizabeth McCracken will be conducting these training sessions in each of the four Hub areas. For the West Hub area, the first session will be scheduled at the San Francisco Dept. of Emergency Management at 1011 Turk Street, San Francisco, CA. The date/time is currently being determined. Dave Fraser will be the lead and will be providing notice of the upcoming sessions.

(c) Grant Monitoring Process

Fiscal monitoring for FY 14-15 will begin this month. Notification letters were sent out the week of June 22nd.

The team will monitor FY 14 UASI grant projects. This monitoring includes equipment inspections, regional procurement, and a review of policies and procedures. 18 agencies in all have been selected for monitoring, three of whom will receive an onsite visit for the first time: Central Marin Police Authority, City of Santa Cruz, and Napa County.

Last year's monitoring targeted FY 11, 12, and 13 projects and focused on Asset Tracking and Management, and procurement. This monitoring resulted in 40 collective recommendations from 19 jurisdictions. Three jurisdictions, however, did not have any findings: County of San Mateo, NCRIC, and San Ramon.

(d) California Public Information Sharing Environment Council Meeting (Discussion Only)

On June 22, 2015, CalOES hosted a CA Public Safety Information Sharing Environment Council (Cal ISE Council) meeting. The BAUASI General Manager attended on behalf of the members of the California Coalition of UASIs. Other Attendees included CalOES Director Mark Ghilarducci and his staff as well as representatives from different state agencies.

At the meeting, Director Ghilarducci discussed the role of CalOES as the coordinator of an information sharing environment with common protocols and standards to build and refine a public safety eco-system. John Wandelt from Georgia Tech Research Institute described his experience in credentialing and access management. He stated the importance of ensuring that these standards are "easy, agile, and establish trust".

The agreed next steps is to establish a Cal ISE Technical Advisory Committee composed of public safety and technical experts who could research, develop and propose solutions to the Cal ISE Council for consideration and approval. The Cal ISE Technical Advisory Committee will consist of subject matter experts from various Council member agencies, including:

- Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems Authority (BayRICS)
- Regional Information Sharing Environment representatives from the Bay Area

(e) Management Team Update

Srijesh Thapa, the Whole Community and Communications project manager, no longer works for the Management Team. We have posted the position on the website for the Dept. of Human Resources for the City and County of San Francisco (www.sfdhr.org). The Management Team will be reaching out to Approval Authority members who wish to participate on the hiring panel. If you are aware of any interested candidates, please encourage them to apply.