



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager

Date: November 14, 2013

RE: Item #3: General Manager's Report

Recommendations:

- (a) UASI FY 2014 Project Proposal Update (Discussion Only)
- (b) Coalition of CA UASIs Update (Discussion Only)
- (c) The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event (Discussion Only)

Action or Discussion Items:

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Discussion/Description:

- (a) UASI FY 2014 Project Proposal Update (Discussion Only)

On October 3, 2014, the Management Team hosted the FY 2014 BAUASI Project Proposal Submission Process Kickoff meeting at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The objective of the meeting was to provide information about submitting project proposals for consideration of UASI FY14 grant funding. The Management Team discussed the project proposal template, electronic submission process, proposal selection criteria and process, timelines, and grant requirements.

According to the feedback, the Kick-off meeting was successful. There were approximately 50-60 attendees and 40 others who participated via webinar. The meeting was recorded for future reference and the recording can be downloaded from our website.

(b) Coalition of CA UASIs Update (Discussion Only)

The Coalition of CA UASIs (CCU) held its quarterly meeting in Sacramento on October 31 and November 1. All the CA UASIs attended; except for Ventura and Bakersfield which were defunded from the UASI federal grant allocation. Representatives from the State of CA, including the Director of CalOES, Mark Ghilarducci, and Deputy Director Brendan Murphy also attended as well as representatives of Digital Sandbox, Inc (DSI).

The group discussed the THIRA process and working with the State of CA to assure alignment with the threats and hazards of the state. The group also discussed the CA Risk Management Contract with Digital Sandbox, Inc. to ensure that all the jurisdictions receive the services as stated in the contract. The group agreed to continue with the Statewide Risk Manager's Position but will define the scope and deliverables to include the additional DSI projects.

(c) The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event

The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event occurred November 5th through November 7th. Mike Sena of the NCRIC and the President of NFCA held the event in Washington, DC. Representatives from federal, state, and local agencies participated in training sessions and discussed strategies and best practices for information and sharing, outreach/training, collaborations. Keynote speakers included the Honorable Rand Beers, Acting Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Nick Rasmussen, Principal Deputy of the National Counterterrorism Center, and the Honorable James Comey, FBI Director, who discussed the evolving threats and risks facing the nation and the need to leverage security with information and sharing collaborative efforts. Dave Fraser, UASI Risk & Info Sharing Project Manager, Caroline Thomas-Jacobs (Regional East Bay Planner), and I attended this informative training.