

Your **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a grant award and the execution of a sole-source agreement for the continuation of the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) bio-surveillance/syndromic surveillance detection program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief to:
 - a. Accept the initial \$67,617 in grant funds and up to a total of \$338,085 in grant funds from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health (DPH) as provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to support local activities related to countering potential terrorist threats.
 - b. Execute the Public Health Preparedness, Emergency and Response Services Agreement with the DPH, for the term September 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, with the option of four additional one-year terms, through June 30, 2017, contingent upon availability of funds, for an amount up to \$338,085 in grant funds, for the continuation of the bio-surveillance/syndromic surveillance detection program; subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
 - c. Execute a sole-source agreement with FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. from the date of execution through June 30, 2017, for an amount up to \$338,085, contingent upon availability of funds, to provide software licensing and maintenance services related to the bio-surveillance/syndromic surveillance detection program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. REQUEST that the Controller deposit the initial \$67,617 in DPH grant funds and up to a total of \$338,085 in DPH grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38500C, for software and services provided by FirstWatch Solutions, Inc.
3. AUTHORIZE LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The above recommendations are consistent with City financial policies as sufficient grant funds will be used to fully fund the services provided.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated January 29, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAFD requests authority to accept up to \$338,085 in grant funds from DPH for Fiscal Years 2012-13 through 2016-17, and execute a sole-source contract with FirstWatch

Solutions, Inc., to continue the syndromic surveillance detection program partnership. The CAO reports that the proposed agreement with DPH will provide LAFD with funding in the amount of \$67,617 per year for the duration of the five-year period, subject to the availability of funds. This annual amount will fund software licensing and maintenance services as provided by FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. Approval of the proposed agreement and contract will allow for the continued partnership with the County in sharing real-time information to perform public health monitoring and providing early warning of a potential health/biohazard event occurrence in the City and Los Angeles region. On November 20, 2012, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved LAFD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

According to the CAO, the bio-surveillance/syndromic surveillance detection program uses LAFD's computer-aided dispatch system emergency medical and fire incident data to collect and analyze real-time incident data and serve as an early warning health/biohazard detection system for the City and the Los Angeles region.

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated February 5, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO presents revised recommendations for Council action.

At its meeting held February 8, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the February 5, 2013, CAO report recommendations to authorize LAFD to accept the grant award and to execute the sole-source contract with FirstWatch, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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