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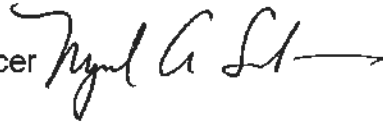
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Council District: All

To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor's Office dated May 12, 2015; referred for report May 13, 2015

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2014 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT  
CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

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### SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety (Mayor's Office) requests authority to modify the United States Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY14 UASI) grant. The Mayor's Office also requests contracting authority as part of the FY14 UASI grant program. On November 25, 2014, the Council authorized the Mayor's Office to accept the FY14 UASI grant in the amount of \$56,025,000 with a grant performance period of September 1, 2014 to May 31, 2016 (C.F. 14-0820). No matching funds are required.

#### Los Angeles Police Department

##### *Palantir Software Upgrade*

Funding in the amount of \$2,900,000 is set aside in the FY14 grant budget for an upgrade to the Palantir analytic platform. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) uses the Palantir Technologies, Inc. (Palantir) analytic platform to identify patterns from criminal, intelligence and other data sources to develop strategic interdiction and prosecutorial evidence. Likewise, other law enforcement agencies in the region utilize Palantir's analytic Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) data platform to retrieve information for investigators.

LAPD requests to execute a sole source contract with Palantir Technologies, Inc. to furnish, configure, and install a new upgraded module to LAPD's existing platform and to incorporate new data, including Los Angeles County booking photos, Department of Motor Vehicles information and data from regional points of entry. Palantir will also provide training and operations and maintenance support.

The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with Palantir to integrate and license to the City an upgraded module to the ALPR analytic software program, "Thunderbird," for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000. It should be noted that the FY14 UASI acceptance transmittal provided authority to execute an agreement with Palantir to create a Clue Management module. The Clue Management module is no longer being considered and the scope of work will now include the Thunderbird program.

#### *HAPSITE Smart Plus and Emergency Responder Training*

Funding was provided through the FY12 UASI grant program to purchase a HAPSITE Smart Plus Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) for the LAPD Hazardous Materials Unit (HMU). The GC/MS is a highly technical piece of equipment used to analyze trace amounts of chemicals based on molecular signature and weight. There is currently only one LAPD officer with the technical expertise to use the GC/MS. As such, LAPD requests to hire a consultant to train the HMU to use, maintain and calibrate the equipment. The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a training course for HMU personnel on the proper use, maintenance and calibration of the GC/MS for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$15,100.

#### Emergency Management Department

##### *Emergency Management Training Center*

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is set aside in the FY14 UASI grant program for the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to provide unified command training courses via its National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). Authority is now requested to modify funding for TEEX by \$100,000, which will result in fewer classes conducted during the grant performance period. The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with TEEX to provide unified command training support for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Accordingly, the \$100,000 reduced from the TEEX contract will be used to contract with a vendor to establish an Emergency Management Training Center (EMTC) at the Los Angeles Port Police Regional Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC) to provide the unified command training courses locally. The vendor will design and develop an EMTC within the existing MLETC facility to provide a computer-driven simulation facility. The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to design and develop an EMTC for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

#### Los Angeles Fire Department

##### *Regional Training Group*

Funding the amount of \$220,000 is set aside in the FY14 UASI grant program for the Los Angeles

County Fire Department for Regional Training Group (RTG) projects. Authority is requested to reallocate the funding from the Los Angeles County Fire Department to the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD). The funding will be used to deliver and coordinate training within the region. The Los Angeles County Fire Department will continue to fund its RTG projects with other sources of funds.

#### *Specialized Rescue Response Vehicles*

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is provided to the LAFD for the Disaster Awareness Course training program in the FY14 UASI grant program. LAFD requests to modify the FY14 UASI grant budget by \$50,000 and reallocate funding to the Specialized Urban Search and Rescue and Heavy Rescue Apparatus budget to fund replacement response vehicles. The LAFD will continue to deliver the Disaster Awareness Course training program with the remaining funds.

#### *CAD-to-CAD*

Funding in the amount of \$1,010,000 was set aside in the FY13 UASI grant program (C.F. 13-0882), of which the LAFD expended \$75,000. Due to project implementation challenges, the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD-to-CAD) project will not be completed within the FY13 UASI grant program performance period and will be completed within the FY14 UASI grant program performance period instead. As such, the CAD-to-CAD project and the remaining \$935,000 in funding will be reallocated from the FY13 UASI grant program to the FY14 UASI grant program. Accordingly, \$935,000 in FY14 UASI grant funding will be reallocated to the FY13 UASI grant program as follows: \$246,666 for LAFD's Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT) Equipment and Vehicles; \$115,348 for LAPD's Regional Video Command Center (RVCC) Maintenance; \$484,017 for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Pre-Positioned Antibiotics Program project; and \$88,969 for the City of Santa Monica's Regional Training Center Props and Equipment. These agencies will be able to complete the projects within the FY13 UASI grant performance period.

The Mayor's Office requests authority to modify the FY14 UASI grant program as described. A separate request will be transmitted for authority to modify the FY13 UASI grant program. The Mayor's Office also requests authority to execute an amendment to the contract with the City of Santa Monica to reflect the reallocations.

#### Other Projects

##### *Environmental Consultant*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) uses the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) to ensure compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires agencies to conduct environmental impact analysis before implementing programs. As part of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project, the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is working with FEMA to

complete an SEA for the LMR project. The LMR project involves the construction of communication towers at various sites in the Los Angeles Region. An SEA and Supplemental Decisions are required for each type of LMR tower constructed. The Mayor's Office requests authority to contract with an environmental consultant to review materials received from the LA-RICS JPA and FEMA relative to the SEA for the LMR project to ensure compliance with NEPA. The contract term will be for 12 months within the grant performance period and a contract amount not to exceed \$99,999.

#### *Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Software*

Funding was provided in the FY12 UASI grant program to purchase software to ensure that City-owned websites with critical emergency information are fully accessible to residents of the City, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. Funding in the FY14 UASI grant program will be reallocated from the City of Santa Monica Fire Department to the Mayor's Office to fund the renewal of the software license and software training.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:
  - a. Modify the existing grant budget (Council File No. 14-0820) for the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY14 UASI) grant by reallocating funds between projects as described within this report;
  - b. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a sole source contract with Palantir Technologies, Inc. to integrate and license to the City an upgraded module to the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) analytic software program code named "Thunderbird" for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, in an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
  - c. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor to conduct Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer training, for a term up to 12 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$15,100, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
  - d. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor to design and develop an Emergency Management Training Center (EMTC) for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
  - e. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a sole source contract with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to provide unified command training

support for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;

- f. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract amendment with the City of Santa Monica to decrease its total contract by \$139,302, from \$308,507 to \$169,205, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
- g. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor to review environmental documentation relative to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for a term of up to 12 months in an amount not to exceed \$99,999, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

2. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Transfer appropriations within Fund 56Y, FY14 UASI, as follows:

Transfer from:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56Y/46	46L668	Partner Jurisdictions	\$843,319
56Y/46	46L970	LAPD Grant Allocation	\$115,348
			\$958,667

Transfer to:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56Y/46	46L138	Fire	\$170,000
56Y/46	46L938	LAFD Grant Allocation	\$738,334
56Y/46	46L946	Grant Management & Admin	\$50,333
			\$958,667

- b. Transfer appropriations from Fund 56Y, FY14 UASI to the General Fund to reimburse FY14 UASI grant expenditures, as follows:

Transfer from:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56Y/46	46L138	Fire	\$170,000

Transfer to:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/38	001098	Overtime Variable Staffing	\$170,000

- 3. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no General Fund impact as a result of these actions. Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the continued expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY14 UASI) grant. These actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support the grant activities.

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