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To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer *MAS*

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated May 26, 2015; referred for report May 27, 2015; additional information submitted June 30, 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

##### *Cybersecurity Improvement System*

Funding was provided in the FY13 UASI grant budget to contract with the Center for Internet Security to subscribe to the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). The Department of Homeland Security designated MS-ISAC as the key resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response and recovery for state, local, tribal and territorial governments. FY13 UASI funds were used to provide real-time network monitoring, early cyber threat warnings and advisories, vulnerability identification and mitigation and incident response services to eight City departments. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests to utilize FY14 UASI funding to renew MS-ISAC monitoring and management services for the eight departments, including Information Technology Agency (ITA), Department of Water and Power (DWP), Bureau of Sanitation, Library, Harbor, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS), and expand to the LAPD and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with the Center for Internet Security to subscribe to MS-ISAC management services and purchase and install equipment for said departments, for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period for an amount not to exceed \$102,500.

### *Off Lead Explosive Detection Training*

The LAPD currently has 18 bomb detection K9 teams that focus on deterring and detecting explosive devices in the City. The teams patrol the City's critical infrastructure and highly populated events, and conduct sweeps for dignitary protection and bomb threats. Since techniques, methods and materials to make explosive devices are constantly changing, training for LAPD's K9s and their handlers must evolve to meet the changing demands. As such, the LAPD requests to host an advanced person-borne detection K9 training course that will enhance the detection of explosives on moving targets. Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is allocated in the FY14 UASI grant budget for Off Lead Explosive Detection training. The LAPD proposes to utilize \$22,155 of that funding to contract with a vendor to provide training for three bomb detection K9 teams. The remaining \$22,845 will be used for tuition and travel expenses for other trainings. The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor for the person-borne explosive training course for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period for an amount not to exceed \$22,155.

### *Countering Violent Extremism Project*

Subsequent to the release of the Mayor's transmittal dated May 26, 2015, the Mayor's Office submitted this additional request for the LAPD relative to the FY14 UASI grant budget. The LAPD currently employs numerous community policing strategies that promote strengthening partnerships between law enforcement and the community to address public safety concerns. The recent emergence of homegrown violent extremism, especially through social media campaigns by extremist groups, has encouraged LAPD to take a proactive approach to countering an emerging threat. Violent extremist groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have launched social media campaigns to radicalize and recruit. Previously, violent extremist groups mostly engaged through password protected websites and chatrooms. However, they are now directly engaging broad populations on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram, leveraging social media capabilities and strategies to amplify their reach.

The LAPD proposes to enter into an agreement with EdVenture Partners to fund a countering violent extremism grassroots initiative called "P2P: Challenging Extremism." This peer-to-peer collegiate competition will focus on the Los Angeles region's violent extremist vulnerabilities by partnering with local students from universities/colleges within the Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) UASI region to design, implement, and measure the success of a social or digital initiative, product or tool to help achieve the goal of countering violent extremist messaging, ideology and recruitment. The Mayor's Office proposes to fund this project by modifying the \$1,000,000 budget for the Regional Video Command Center (RVCC) project by \$92,000. The remaining \$908,000 will remain in the RVCC project line for maintenance services. This modification is pending Grantor approval. The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with EdVenture Partners for the P2P: Challenging Extremism competition for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period for an amount not to exceed \$92,000.

## Emergency Management Department

### *Neighborhood Plan Workshops and Community Plan Demonstration Project*

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is provided in the FY14 UASI grant budget for the Emergency Management Department's (EMD) Neighborhood Project to promote preparedness at the neighborhood level in the form of "neighbor helping neighbor." The EMD proposes to expand the program by adding an additional \$125,000 for the Neighborhood Project for a new total of \$200,000. The expansion of the Neighborhood Project will allow for the inclusion of four phases: a marketing campaign and mobile application, development of a disaster readiness and response plan, training workshops to further the neighborhood preparedness efforts, and the exercise to practice operational components of the plan. The additional \$125,000 in funding will be reallocated from the EMD's Emergency Readiness Information System (ERIS) project. Funding for the ERIS project will instead be supported by the Fiscal Year 2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program (FY14 SHSGP). Acceptance of the FY14 SHSGP grant funding has been submitted to Council under separate cover (C.F. 15-0749). The Mayor's Office requests authority to modify the FY14 UASI grant budget as described, and requests to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to develop the four phases of the Neighborhood Project for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000. The grantor approved this modification on June 8, 2015.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:
  - a. Modify the existing grant budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative grant by reallocating funds between projects as described within this report;
  - b. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with the Center for Internet Security to subscribe to the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) fee-based management services for the Information Technology Agency, Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Fire Department, Bureau of Sanitation, Library, Harbor, Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions, Department of Transportation, and Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System and for a term up to 12 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$102,500, 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 provide a person borne explosive detection training course for LAPD K9 and handlers for a term up to 12 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$22,155, 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 EdVenture Partners to provide support services to manage and implement the P2P: Challenging Extremism collegiate competition, for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$92,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
  - e. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor for the Neighborhood Plan Workshops and Community Plan Demonstration Project, to include a marketing campaign, mobile application, workshops, plan, and exercise, for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and,
2. 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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