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MAYOR

May 12, 2015

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: FY 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Contracting Authorities and Budget Modifications (Council File No. 14-0820)

Dear Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith for City Council consideration are proposed contracting authorities and budget modifications related to the United States Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2014 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY14 UASI) grant award. On November 25, 2014, the City Council accepted the FY14 UASI grant in the amount of \$56,025,000 with a grant performance period from September 1, 2014 to May 31, 2016 (Council File No. 14-0820).

Los Angeles Police Department

Palantir Software Upgrade

Since 2010, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has been using the Palantir analytic platform to identify patterns from criminal, intelligence and other data sources to provide actionable information to develop interdiction strategies and prosecution evidence. Similarly, law enforcement agencies across the Los Angeles/Long Beach UASI Region are currently utilizing Palantir's analytic Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) data platform to retrieve essential information that allows investigators to develop leads and gather crucial evidence.

The LAPD received an allocation of \$2,900,000 in FY14 UASI to fund the next generation software upgrade to the Palantir analytic platform. In partnership with the Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, LAPD seeks to enter into a sole-source contract with Palantir to furnish, configure, and install a new upgraded module to LAPD's existing software platform and to incorporate critical new data, including Los Angeles County Booking Photos, Department of Motor Vehicle information, and data from regional points of entry and other regional law enforcement agencies into a Cloud-hosted data repository. Palantir will also provide training, as well as operations and maintenance support. This will drastically

increase the overall efficiency of ALPR-based criminal investigations and terrorist threat interdiction efforts.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with Palantir Technologies, Inc. to integrate and license to the City an upgraded module to the ALPR analytic software program code named "Thunderbird" for a term up to twelve months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000.

Hapsite Smart Plus and ER Training

In FY12 UASI, LAPD Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Unit purchased a Gas Chromatograph / Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS), a specialized chemical detector system used to analyze trace amounts of chemicals based on their molecular signature and weight. This specialized device is currently deployed by the HAZMAT Unit at the scene of Hazardous Materials incidents and can detect chemicals that other detectors and sensors are unable to trace.

The GC/MS is a highly technical piece of equipment that requires a well-versed user to interpret the data output from the analysis. Currently, there is only one LAPD officer in the HAZMAT Unit that is capable of utilizing the GC/MS device. In FY14 UASI, LAPD requests to hire a consultant to train the entire HAZMAT Unit to use, maintain and properly calibrate the device.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a training course for HAZMAT Unit personnel in the proper use, maintenance and calibration of the GC/MS for a term up to twelve months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$15,100.

Emergency Management Department

Emergency Management Training Center

In FY14 UASI, the Emergency Management Department (EMD) received \$200,000 to enter into a sole source contract with the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to provide unified command training courses via its National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). EMD now seeks to modify this authority and negotiate a 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.

In consultation with NERRTC, MLETC, and EMD, the vendor will design and develop an EMTC inside the existing MLETC facility. EMTC will provide a computer-driven simulation facility that offers training focused on developing incident management skills, staff responsibilities, and related situational awareness in a challenging decision-making environment, including unified command training courses.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to design and develop an EMTC for a term up to twelve months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Authority is also being requested to revise the existing sole source contracting authority with TEEX to provide unified command training support for a term up to twelve months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Los Angeles Fire Department

Regional Training Group

The Los Angeles County Fire Department is requesting to modify \$220,000 in funding to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) for Regional Training Group (RTG) projects. The funding will be used to deliver and coordinate training across the region. The Los Angeles County Fire Department will continue to fund their own RTG projects through other funding sources which is why they are relinquishing the UASI funds.

Authority is being requested to modify the FY14 UASI grant budget by reallocating \$220,000 from Partner Cities to the LAFD for RTG projects.

Specialized Rescue Response Vehicles

LAFD is requesting to modify \$50,000 in funding from their Disaster Awareness Course training program to the Specialized Urban Search and Rescue and Heavy Rescue Apparatus. The apparatus will replace aging response apparatus currently in use by LAFD. The Disaster Awareness Course training program will continue to be delivered across the region using the remaining FY14 UASI funding for the program.

Authority is being requested to modify the FY14 UASI grant budget by reallocating \$50,000 from LAFD Salaries to LAFD Equipment for the Specialized Rescue Response Vehicles.

CAD-to-CAD

In FY13 UASI, LAFD was allocated funding for a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD-to-CAD) project in the amount of \$1,010,000 (Council File No. 13-0882). Of this amount, \$75,000 of the project will be completed. However, due to project implementation challenges within the FY13 UASI grant performance period, the project will need to be completed in FY14 UASI instead. In order to complete the CAD-to-CAD project in FY14 UASI, \$935,000 of completed projects within FY14 UASI were moved to FY13 UASI (see Attachment 1). LAFD moved \$246,666 of its Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT) Equipment and Vehicles; Los Angeles Police Department moved \$115,348 of its Regional Video Command Center (RVCC) Maintenance; Los Angeles County Department of Health Services moved \$484,017 of its Pre-Positioned Antibiotics Program project; and Santa Monica Fire Department moved \$88,969 of its Regional Training Center Props and Equipment from FY14 UASI to FY13 UASI.

Authority is being requested to modify the FY14 UASI grant budget by reallocating funds as indicated above, and to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with the City of Santa Monica.

Other Projects

Environmental Consultant

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental impact analysis before instituting programs with potential environmental effects. Federal regulations require Federal agencies to conduct a factual investigation and an evaluation of alternatives, known as a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), as part of an environmental impact analysis. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) uses the PEA, and sometimes Supplemental Environmental Assessments (SEA), as a framework to ensure NEPA compliance.

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) is a collaborative effort of law enforcement, fire service and health service professionals with elected and appointed officials to implement a regional interoperable radio communications system. As part of the LA-RICS Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project, the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is working with FEMA to complete a SEA in support of the LA-RICS LMR project. LMR project contemplates the construction of communication towers at various sites within the Los Angeles region. A SEA and Supplemental Decisions are required for each type of LMR tower site to be constructed.

The Mayor's Office will contract with an environmental consultant for a project allocation of \$99,999 to review materials received from the LA-RICS JPA and FEMA in support of the SEA for the LMR project for compliance with NEPA and with other formatting requirements.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to review environmental documentation relative to NEPA compliance for a term up to twelve months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$99,999.

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Software

The City maintains software that ensure all City-owned websites with critical emergency information are fully accessible to all residents of the City of Los Angeles, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. The Mayor's Office, in coordination with ITA, will renew this software license and associated software training to make emergency-related information on all city websites 508 compliant. Funds will be modified from a Santa Monica Fire Department Regional Training Center Props and Equipment project that has been fully funded under FY13 UASI.

Authority is being requested to modify the FY14 UASI grant budget by reallocating \$50,333 from Partner Cities to Mayor for software licenses.

Recommendations

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to:
 - a. Modify the existing grant budget (Council File No. 14-0820) for the 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 ALPR analytic software program code named "Thunderbird" for a term of up to twelve 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 a GC/MS 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 EMTC for a term of up to twelve 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 Engineering Extension Services to provide unified command training support for a term of up to twelve 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 their total contract by \$139,302 for a total contract amount of \$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 NEPA compliance for a term of up to twelve 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 and create appropriation accounts within Fund 56Y, FY14 UASI, as follows:

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

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

- b. **Transfer** appropriations within Fund 56Y, FY14 UASI to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for FY 2014 UASI, as follows:

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

	<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To:	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 CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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Attachment

- 1 FY13 &14 UASI Budget Modifications