



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

September 9, 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

*Automated License Plate Readers*

As the lead agency on the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) program for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has been using UASI funding since FY06 to purchase and deploy over 300 Mobile ALPR vehicles throughout the city. The ALPR program serves a critical role throughout the Los Angeles/Long Beach region as all data obtained from these cameras is stored and available for analysis to all local agencies to assist in crime solving, critical infrastructure protection, as well as homeland security investigations.

LAPD proposes to use their FY14 UASI ALPR allocation (\$555,999) to expand their ALPR-capable patrol fleet through purchasing and installing vehicle-based ALPR camera hardware. The LAPD will purchase the cameras and accompanying in-car computer hardware (\$503,199) while the remaining funds will be used separately to contract with a vendor to install, calibrate and configure the vehicle-based camera equipment (\$52,800).

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide services to install, calibrate, and configure ALPR camera hardware and accompanying equipment in LAPD patrol vehicles, for a term of up to 12 months within the grant performance period and for a contract amount not to exceed \$52,800.

*Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Training*

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Bomb Squad is one of two accredited and certified Bomb Squads in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Operational Area. The LAPD is constantly training and developing tactics, techniques and procedures to maintain a level of expertise and familiarity with the constant evolution of manufacture and deployment techniques used by terrorists. Historically, local bomb squads depended on the military to respond and assist to bomb threats, however, due to volume of calls received by the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) and the Port of Los Angeles, for example, this responsibility now falls on local authorities who require additional training to learn the many facets presented by this hazard, especially as it relates to Improvised Explosive Devices (IED).

Currently, all sworn bomb technicians receive basic IED electronics training, however, the course does not focus on strategies to counter current technology and device designs. LAPD proposes to address this training gap by using \$62,000 of their FY14 UASI Explosive Ordinance Technician Training project line (\$80,000) to contract with a vendor to provide specialized training to sworn bomb technicians focusing on current Improvised Explosive Device (IED) technology. The training will provide bomb technicians the tools and skills needed to identify, interrogate, and defeat IED electronic circuits thereby preventing the device from functioning altogether. The remaining \$18,000 in the LAPD training line will be used to contract with a vendor to conduct explosive breach training for LAPD's Bomb Squad, noted in the section below.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a training course for sworn personnel in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) technology, for a term of up to 9 months within the grant performance period and for a contract amount not to exceed \$62,000.

*Tactical Explosive Breacher Training*

The LAPD Bomb Squad is seeking to improve the region's tactical explosive breach techniques through specialized training for up to 32 individuals. The proposed tactical explosive breacher training combines the experience of tactical operators and bomb technicians to provide the experience and knowledge necessary to successfully and safely execute breaching missions. Explosive breaching is a valuable tool deployed by bomb squads throughout the world to gain entry to secured location and safely resolve violent and unstable incidents including mass shooting, armed and barricaded suspects, and hostage rescue.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a training course for sworn personnel in tactical explosive breaching, for a term of up to 9 months within the grant performance period and for a contract amount not to exceed \$18,000.

*Enhanced Aircraft Navigation System*

The LAPD's Air Support Division (ASD) currently operates with 88 sworn personnel, utilizing 17 helicopters to support all law enforcement operations including patrol, surveillance, homeland security, search and rescue, and airborne disaster assessment. Through an existing FY14 UASI project line, ASD is seeking to enhance its aircraft fleet navigation capabilities for a total cost of \$1,783,839. Installing a new specialized navigation system in nine LAPD helicopters will provide each helicopter with the ability to organize, inspect, and report on the conditions of Critical Infrastructure locations in real-time.

Currently, LAPD's Air Support Division (ASD) has 35 full-time General Services Department (GSD) mechanics and five full-time Information Technology Agency (ITA) Avionics staff assigned to operate and maintain the fleet of 17 helicopters. These aircrafts are under a carefully choreographed maintenance schedule with ITA and GSD to meet the demands of ASD's flight schedule, including the unpredictability of public safety situations. Out of the total \$1,783,839 project line, \$57,555 will fund ITA Avionics personnel salaries and \$149,240 will fund GSD mechanics salaries to perform the necessary work to install the navigation equipment. The remaining \$1,577,044 will be used to purchase the actual navigation equipment.

The Mayor's Office is requesting authority to transfer \$57,555 to the Information Technology Agency and \$149,240 to the General Services Department, as specified in the recommendations below, to fund the labor hours needed to complete the installation of the specialized navigation equipment for nine LAPD helicopters.

Partner Jurisdictions

The City of Santa Monica was originally allocated \$308,507 in FY14 UASI. Due to cost savings identified in FY13 UASI, Santa Monica completed one of its FY14 UASI training projects in FY13 UASI instead. As a result, Santa Monica's FY14 UASI allocation was reduced by \$150,000 for a new allocation of \$158,507.

The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with the City of Santa Monica.

Emergency Management Department

The Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) regional Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD-to-CAD) project was originally allocated \$1,935,000 in FY14 UASI. However, due to project implementation challenges, the project will require additional time. Therefore this allocation will be spent on the following projects: \$29,548 will be reallocated to EMD's Emergency Management Annual Workshop. \$80,000 will be reallocated to the Emergency Management Department's (EMD) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Functional Exercise. \$40,000 will be reallocated to EMD's Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise. Individual project descriptions are noted below. The Mayor's Office will return at a later date to request Council authority to reallocate the remaining balance of \$1,785,452 to other projects. The modifications have been approved by the grantor.

Authority is being requested to modify the FY14 UASI budget to reflect this modification and to conduct the necessary fiscal transfer between EMD and LAFD appropriation accounts to fund the EOC Functional Exercise, the Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise, and the Emergency Management Annual Workshop.

*Emergency Management Annual Workshop*

EMD will be hosting the City of Los Angeles 2015 Emergency Management Annual Workshop. The workshop's theme is "Crisis Leadership and Decision Making: Recovery, Resilience, and Continuity of Operations." It is dedicated to connecting approximately 300 City and partner agency executives and emergency management professionals with contemporary emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation best practices. Funding in the amount of \$29,548 will cover the cost of the workshop venue, audio-video, and speakers' travel costs.

As discussed above, authority is being requested to conduct the outlined fiscal transfer within LAFD and EMD appropriation accounts for costs that will be incurred for the Emergency Management Annual Workshop.

*Exercises*

The City of Los Angeles and its regional partners will participate in two exercises: one EOC Functional Exercise and one Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise, to practice inter-agency and inter-departmental coordination and increase their level of understanding of emergency manager response capabilities at the EOC. The facilitation of the exercises by contractors will allow the City's Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs) to staff their assigned EOC positions. It ensures that the exercises adhere as closely as possible to established protocols for lead agency response during an EOC activation which is essential for effective emergency management in the City.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to assist EMD in the design, development, and facilitation of one EOC Functional Exercise, for a term up to 9 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Authority is also being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to assist EMD in the design, development, and facilitation of one Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise, for a term up to 9 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

*Neighborhood Plan Workshops and Community Plan Demonstration Project*

In FY14 UASI, EMD was allocated \$200,000 for a Neighborhood Project. The purpose of the Neighborhood Project is to promote preparedness among the City of Los Angeles' stakeholder population at the neighborhood level in the form of 'neighbor helping neighbor' so that stakeholders can respond to disasters in a self-sufficient manner. Currently, EMD has received authority (Council File No. 14-0820) to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor for the Neighborhood Project to include a marketing campaign, mobile application, workshops, plan, and exercise. However, since receiving authority, it has been determined that the current allocation of \$200,000 is not sufficient to cover the cost of each project deliverable. Thus, the authority needs to be updated to remove the mobile application.

Authority is being requested to modify existing authority, to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor for the Neighborhood Plan Workshops and Community Plan Demonstration Project, to include a marketing campaign, workshops, plan, and exercise, for a term up to 9 months within the grant performance period, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

### **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 contract with a vendor to provide services to install, calibrate, and configure ALPR camera hardware and accompanying equipment in LAPD patrol vehicles, for a term of up to 9 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$52,800, 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 specialized training for sworn personnel in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) technology, for a term of up to 9 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$62,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
- d. Negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a specialized training course for sworn personnel in tactical explosive breaching, for a term of up to 9 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$18,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
- e. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with the City of Santa Monica to decrease their total contract amount by \$150,000 for a total contract amount of \$158,507, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
- f. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor to assist EMD in the design, development, and facilitation of one EOC Functional Exercise, for a term up to 9 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$80,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;

- g. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor to assist EMD in the design, development, and facilitation of one Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise, for a term up to 9 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$40,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
- h. 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, workshops, plan, and exercise, for a term of up to 9 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, subject to the approval of the City as to form and legality.

2. **Authorize** the Controller to:

- a. **Transfer** appropriations and create appropriation accounts within Fund 56Y, FY14 UASI, as follows:

FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56Y/46	46L938	LAFD Grant Allocation	\$149,548
56Y/46	46L970	LAPD Grant Allocation	<u>206,795</u>
Total:			\$356,343

TO:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56Y/46	46L935	EMD Grant Allocation	\$149,548
56Y/46	46M132	Information Technology Agency	41,448
56Y/46	46M299	Reimbursement of GF Costs	16,107
56Y/46	46M140	General Services	<u>149,240</u>
Total:			\$356,343

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

FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56Y/46	46M132	Information Technology Agency	\$41,448
56Y/46	46M140	General Services	<u>149,240</u>
Total:			\$190,688

TO:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/32	001010	Salaries General	\$41,448
100/40	001090	Overtime General	<u>149,240</u>
Total:			\$190,688

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'E.G.' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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