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MAYOR

June 18, 2014

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

Re: Urban Areas Security Initiative FY 2014 Grant, Office of Homeland Security:  
Notification of Submission of a Grant Application and Request for Adoption of  
Governing Body Resolution

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety is providing notification to the City Council of the submission of a grant application for the Urban Areas Security Initiative Fiscal Year 2014 (UASI FY14). The Department of Homeland Security issued a solicitation for the UASI FY14 Program on March 18, 2014. The final UASI FY14 award allocations are anticipated to be announced in July 2014. The anticipated grant performance period will be September 2014 through May 2016, although the grant performance period start date is dependent on the award date.

#### **OVERVIEW**

On March 18, 2014 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the 39 Urban Areas throughout the nation that were eligible to apply for \$587 million through the UASI FY 2014 Program. DHS awards the funds to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) which acts as the State Administrative Agent and disperses the federal funds to the urban areas. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area (LA/LB Urban Area) continues to receive one of the largest dollar amounts in the nation. This year, the LA/LB Urban Area received an allocation of \$67,500,000, which is a 2.4% increase from the region's allocation received in FY 2013. Of the remaining 38 Urban Areas, some received an increase in funding from their FY 2013 allocations, while some received a decrease. The UASI award does not require any cash or in-kind match.

## UASI FY14 APPLICATION PROCESS

### **Investment Justifications**

The UASI grant application is developed with input from public safety agencies (law, fire, emergency management, health) representing Urban Area jurisdictions. The Urban Area Working Group, made up of eighteen voting representatives from jurisdictions across the Urban Area, sets forth homeland security objectives, proposes programs to meet those objectives, and presents funding requests to meet each objective for the application. In addition, multiple subcommittees are created out of the Working Group; these subcommittees participate in the submission of projects for specific Investment Justifications (IJs). This draft application is reviewed and ratified by an eleven member Approval Authority, which represents the Urban Area Jurisdiction and includes four City of Los Angeles representatives (Attachment 2). The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for all UASI awards, and submits all grant applications and related documents on behalf of the LA/LB Urban Area jurisdictions.

Similar to the FY 2013 UASI application, the Working Group recommended and the Approval Authority concurred on:

- Identifying the primary IJs to be pursued;
- Defining criteria for project eligibility under those IJs;
- Establishing allocation ranges for each IJ (as a percentage of the award); and
- Providing clear direction to potential sub-grantees.

The IJs for UASI FY14 were developed by the Working Group and Approval Authority with consideration of the core capabilities and gaps of the LA/LB Urban Area and based on feedback provided by Cal OES and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The IJs that were recommended in FY 2014 are identified below:

#### **1. Strengthen interoperable and communications capabilities**

##### Outcomes

- Continued development of regional interoperable communications systems

#### **2. Strengthen information sharing, collaboration capabilities, and law enforcement investigations**

##### Outcomes

- Continuing to link and enhance Urban Area criminal and intelligence systems together
- Increasing analytical capability to detect and disrupt terrorist activity across linked databases and intelligence systems
- Training for the intelligence community and Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLOs) across Urban Area jurisdictions

- Funding for analysts at the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC).
- Expand Common Operational Platform Program capabilities to enhance information gathering, sharing, and incident management
- The procurement of equipment and training designed to enhance technological capabilities to support intelligence and criminal cases for the pursuit of terror networks and individuals

**3. Protection of critical infrastructure and key resources (limited to commercial airports and seaports)**

Outcomes

- Enhance transportation systems and maritime security
- Procure equipment, technologies, training and exercises designed to improve security at critical infrastructure and to combat threats of high consequences including CBRNE
- Resiliency (continuity of operations)
  - Integrate critical sub-systems (e.g. power, key roads, water, communications) into overall critical infrastructure security plans and operations
- Operations and maintenance of Homeland Security Grant Program acquired systems

**4. Catastrophic incident planning response and recovery**

Outcomes

- Procure equipment to enhance catastrophic incident response
- Catastrophic disaster response training & exercises
- Regional and interdisciplinary planning, training, and exercises to recover from catastrophic incidents
- Regional medical care capabilities
- Regional volunteer planning and training
- Regional community outreach program

**Governing Body Resolution**

Cal OES requires the submission of the attached Governing Body Resolution as a part of the application package that is due to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The Governing Body Resolution authorizes specified LA City Officials to execute for and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance under the UASI FY14.

When notified of an award, the Mayor's Office will return to City Council and request authority to accept its grant award share. At that time, detailed information will be provided regarding the specific projects to be funded under the UASI FY14 award and the allocations for each jurisdiction with the LA/LB Urban Area.



## Recommendations

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to submit the FY 2014 Urban Area Security Initiative grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services on behalf of the City Of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, for the \$67,500,000 allocation;
2. **ADOPT** the attached Governing Body Resolution to designate the City entities that will apply for and manage Federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California; and
3. **INSTRUCT** the City Administrative Officer to report back with the necessary actions to approve and accept the UASI FY14 award once applications are evaluated and funding is allocated by the Department of Homeland Security, subject to Council and Mayor approval.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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## Attachments

- 1 Governing Body Resolution
- 2 Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area Governance Structure
- 3 FY 2014 Los Angeles/Long Beach UASI Investment Justifications