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MAYOR

March 14, 2014

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

Re: FY 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Contracting Authorities and Budget Modifications (Council File No. 13-0882)

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 2013 Urban Areas Security Initiative (FY13 UASI) grant award. On November 22, 2013, the City Council accepted the FY13 UASI grant in the amount of \$54,703,969 with a grant performance period from August 29, 2013 to May 31, 2015 (Council File No. 13-0882).

Los Angeles Police Department

Regional Video Command Center (RVCC)

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) implemented the Regional Video Command Center (RVCC) System (System) in March 2011 as a 24-hour, seven days per week operation, establishing a central location for numerous video surveillance feeds from critical infrastructure sites throughout the greater Los Angeles region, including the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, and the Los Angeles International Airport, to enhance awareness and response to potential homeland security threats and natural disasters.

The LAPD received an allocation of \$1,350,287 in FY13 UASI to continue to fund Maintenance Services (\$700,000) as well as expand the RVCC Microwave infrastructure (\$650,287) to include new microwave links that will accommodate the addition of viewing stations at the Los Angeles Police Department's Pacific Division.



The expansion project will include Line Of Sight (LOS) Analysis, structural and signal analysis and engineering, as well as complete integration of Pacific Station into the existing RVCC System infrastructure.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to fund LAPD's expansion of the RVCC microwave network, not to exceed \$650,287.

The RVCC System features complex video surveillance and management hardware and software which controls critical infrastructure video feeds throughout the LA/LB Region. The selected Contractor shall conduct routine RVCC System maintenance, record, analyze and troubleshoot problems, and ensure that equipment and/or software vendors take action in response to any issues related the product they provided.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide maintenance support and services to ensure the RVCC System continues to operate at optimum capacity, not to exceed \$700,000.

Explosive Ordinance Technician 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 their tactics, techniques, and procedures to meet updated military ordinances and defeat evolving threats. 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 receive minimal training in the many facets presented by this hazard.

The LAPD was originally allocated \$95,000 in FY13 UASI to fund this project, and proposes to use the entire amount to host an advanced and specialized explosive ordinance training course. The purpose of this course is to provide sworn bomb technicians with the ability to identify the ordinance and any potential modifications, as well as best practices for handling explosives and rendering them safe.

Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a training course for sworn personnel in explosive ordinance recognition, not to exceed \$95,000.

Emergency Management Department

The Emergency Management Department (EMD) was originally allocated \$125,000 in FY13 UASI for a Neighborhood Planning project. The purpose of this 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. To make it a robust project, EMD requests to modify

\$123,166 from their Community Readiness Regional Media Buy project and \$1,834 from their TEEX MGT 314 training for a new total of \$250,000 to the Neighborhood Planning project. This UASI modification was approved by the grantor on February 5, 2014. The Community Readiness Regional Media Buy project will be funded in FY13 SHSGP instead, and the slight reduction to the TEEX MGT 314 training will not impact project completion. With the additional funding, the Neighborhood Planning project now includes four phases: a marketing campaign, development of a disaster readiness and response plan, training workshops to further the neighborhood preparedness efforts, as well as an exercise component to practice operational components of the plan.

Authority is being requested to modify funding as outlined above, as well as negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to develop the four phases of the project, as noted above, for an amount up to \$250,000.

Los Angeles Fire Department

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) was originally allocated \$300,000 in FY13 UASI for a Smart Classroom project, as described in the FY13 UASI Acceptance Transmittal (Council File No. 13-0882). To ensure a complete project, a modification of \$48,720 from CBRNE Equipment to Smart Classrooms was approved by the grantor on February 5, 2014. Smart Classrooms are interactive classroom technology that enhance the learning environment for instructors and students. Smart Classrooms are supported by the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association (LAAFCA) and have already been installed and used in fire stations throughout the UASI region. Smart Classrooms will be installed in LAFD Fire Stations 5, 59, 64, and 89. These four stations are established regional training sites with existing classroom facilities.

Authority is being requested to modify funding as described above, as well as negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to design and install Smart Classroom systems, as noted above, for an amount up to \$348,720.

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. 13-0882) for the FY13 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 design and implement the integration of Pacific Station into the existing RVCC infrastructure, for a term up to 15 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$650,287, 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 maintain, support, and service the RVCC System, for a term up to 15 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$700,000, 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 conduct an explosive ordinance training, for a term up to 15 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$95,000, 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 Planning project, which will include a marketing campaign, plan, workshops and exercise, for a term up to 15 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$250,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
 - f. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a vendor for the design and installation of Smart Classrooms, for a term up to 15 months within the grant performance period, and for an amount not to exceed \$348,720, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. **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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