



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager**

**Date: February 13, 2014**

**RE: Item 3: General Manager's Report**

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**Recommendations:** Discussion only.

**Action or Discussion Items:**

- (a) FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Discussion Only)
- (b) FY 2014 Risk Profile - San Francisco – San Jose – Oakland (Discussion)
- (c) Trip to Washington D.C. (Discussion Only)
- (d) Statewide Risk Manager Position Update (Discussion Only)

**Discussion/Description:**

- (a) FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Discussion Only)

The U.S. Congress passed the FY2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill allocating \$600,000,000 for the Urban Areas Security Initiative under section 2003 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604), of which not less than \$13,000,000 shall be for organizations (as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax section 501(a) of such code) determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be at high risk of a terrorist attack.

The Bill did not consolidate the preparedness grants as proposed by the President's budget request. In fact, language under Section 557 of the General Provisions prohibits any funds being used to implement the National Preparedness Grant Program or successor grant program unless explicitly authorized by Congress. Also, the specific number of UASI grants was not addressed; however, if the Secretary determines that risk can be more effectively addressed through a change in the number of urban areas receiving funds compared to FY 2013, specific factors shall be briefed to Committees 5 days prior to announcement. Changes should be consistent with more efficiently and effectively targeting resources to address risk.

The UASI grant Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is expected to be announced in March 2014 and it is anticipated that the grant may receive approximately \$587 million (a 4.8% increase from the \$558.7 million allocated last year).

(b) FY 2014 Risk Profile (San Francisco – San Jose – Oakland) (Discussion Only)

On January 30, 2014, the FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) announced the FY 2014 State, Territory, and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) risk validation process. Risk profiles for each jurisdiction were issued, along with instructions about the process. Per the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, only the 100 most populous MSAs in the United States, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) are considered in the risk analysis. The OMB defines these MSAs through the application of published standards using data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau. The FY 2014 risk analysis used updated OMB definitions released in February 2013.

The Risk Profile is part of the annual risk review process and helps inform the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) determination of FY 2014 grant allocations for States/territories and MSAs. Final FY 2014 Risk Profiles will be sent out following completion of the review process.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the San Francisco – San Jose – Oakland risk profile and it is approximately the same as last year. The UASI Management Team is in the process of reviewing the data and will be drafting a letter to FEMA to address the region's concerns.

(c) Upcoming Trip to Washington D.C. (Discussion Only)

Last year, a delegation from the UASI Management Team and the Approval Authority traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with FEMA and Congressional staffers to educate and inform them of the many Bay Area activities and accomplishments. This year, the delegation plans to return to Washington to provide additional updates and information to representatives of the funding agencies. The delegation includes Approval Authority members Rich Lucia, Renee Domingo, Ken Kehmna, the General Manager, and Alternate Approval Authority member Amiee Alden. Mike Sena from the NCRIC will also be traveling with the delegation.

(d) Coalition of CA UASIs Update (Discussion Only)

Cal OES has agreed to fund the Statewide Risk Manager's Position by using a vacant Statewide Information Coordinator Position. The new position, entitled Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator, merges a state job function with the UASI Statewide Risk Manager position. This will allow the region to continue employing a Statewide Risk Manager without expending UASI funds. This will be a contract position and will be filled through a current contract that CAL OES has with SRA International.

Director Ghilarducci has asked Mike Sena to facilitate the recruitment and selection process for the new Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator position. The Bay Area UASI General Manager will be working with Mike Sena to ensure that the new position encompasses all the necessary duties and reporting responsibilities for all the California UASIs.