



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager
Date: September 11, 2014
Re: Item #3: General Manager's Report

Staff Recommendation: No recommendation.

Action and/or Discussion Items: Discussion Only

- (a) Securing the Cities (STC) Grant
- (b) BAUSI Management Team Update
- (c) Advisory Group Update

Discussion/Description:

(a) Securing the Cities (STC) Grant

On September 2, 2013, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the expansion of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office's (DNDO) Securing the Cities program to the National Capital Region, further building upon the Department's ongoing efforts to raise the nation's capabilities to detect and protect against radiological and nuclear threats.

The Securing the Cities program seeks to lessen the threat posed by dangerous radiological or nuclear materials against major metropolitan areas in the United States by establishing sustainable capability among state, local, and tribal agencies to detect and report dangerous radiological and nuclear materials within their jurisdictions.

The DHS informed the BAUSI that they used two evaluation criteria: (1) Threat, vulnerabilities, and consequences; and (2) Viability of the applicant's plan with threat, vulnerabilities, and consequences being important than the applicant's plan.

The BAUSI application was highly rated and we were encouraged to reapply.

(b) BAUSI Management Team Update

Whole Community and Communications Project Manager

The BAUSI Management Team has hired Srijesh Thapa as the Whole Community and Communications Project Manager. He will be responsible for developing and implementing regional programs and project planning with a focus on citizen preparedness, emergency planning, community resiliency, public information and warning, and emergency communications. Additionally, he will be responsible for facilitating the interoperable communications working meetings.

Mr. Thapa earned a Bachelor's in Science from the University of Delhi, New Delhi, India and a Master's degree in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco. He has 15 years of diverse experience in emergency management, data management, and environmental consulting in the Bay Area, including 10 years of work experience with URS Corporation. He has worked extensively with local, regional, state and federal first responder/ emergency management agencies as well as the BAUSI program.

Emergency Services Assistant

Mason Feldman has accepted the position as the Emergency Services Assistant for the BAUSI Management Team. He will be responsible for administrative support to the Bay Area UASI Management Team, assisting with the coordination of all documentation for the monthly Approval Authority meetings, and acting as a liaison to the general public. Mr. Feldman will start on September 15, 2015.

Mr. Feldman was born in Santa Clarita, CA and moved to San Francisco to attend San Francisco State University where he graduated with a degree in business management. Prior to his selection as the Emergency Services Assistant, Mr. Feldman worked for the San Francisco Film Commission, the Department of Public Works, and interned with the SF Mayor's Office. He has participated in the safety planning for Bay to Breakers and helped coordinate the Mayor's Budget Town Hall series. He is passionate about biking in the City, music festivals, and baseball.

(c) Advisory Group Meeting

The Advisory Group met on Thursday August 28th via teleconference to review the draft 2015 Project Proposal Guidance. Assistant General Manager Catherine Spaulding briefed the Group on the document as well as highlighted changes from last year's guidance. Ms. Spaulding will provide a similar briefing to the Approval Authority in item 4 of the agenda in today's meeting. The Advisory Group recommended approval of the document as presented.