



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager
Date: November 8, 2012
Re: Item 5: Bay Area UASI Effectiveness Report

Recommendation:

The Approval Authority Legislative Sub-committee reviews the Bay Area UASI Effectiveness Report and makes recommendations on next steps.

Action or Discussion Item:

Bay Area UASI Effectiveness Report

Attachments:

- Draft Bay Area UASI Effectiveness Report Talking Points Summary
- Bay Area UASI Effectiveness Report

Discussion/Description:

I. Background

The Bay Area UASI Grant Effectiveness Report evaluates how investments better position the Bay Area region to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism and other hazards. The analysis focuses on the expenditure of approximately \$52 million in UASI funds from FY 2007 through FY 2010. Josh Filler conducted the analysis and drafted the report.

II. Why We Conducted the Analysis

We conducted this analysis given the Approval Authority's direction to document the strategic use of UASI resources and how we have improved our ability to address terrorism and other hazards. We need to make the argument to policy makers that funding cuts threaten critical capabilities.

III. Next Steps

The Management Team recommends that the Approval Authority Legislative Sub-Committee review the report and make recommendations for next steps. This could include Approval Authority members meeting with policy makers and committee staffers to discuss the report. The time to start doing this is right now, given that we have just had the election.

To support Approval Authority members in these efforts, the Management Team has prepared a draft list of policy makers and staffers to whom we can distribute the report. We have also prepared draft talking points that Approval Authority members may wish to refer to in meetings to discuss the report.

IV. Talking Points Summary

The draft talking points are included with your meeting materials as attachment A. Seven key findings from the report are highlighted. These include:

- The region successfully invests UASI funds in documented high risk areas.
- All regional emergency response capabilities have improved.
- Capability enhancements are in almost all cases dual use.
- The Bay Area UASI program tests capabilities on annual basis through a full scale preparedness exercise.
- UASI funds continue to enhance interoperable communications in the Bay Area.
- The UASI-funded Northern California Regional Intelligence Center is the largest provider of Suspicious Activity Reports that result in the FBI taking counter terrorism action.
- Funding cuts threaten critical capabilities.

V. Presentation by Josh Filler

Josh Filler will give a ten minute presentation on the analysis and findings of the 2012 Bay Area Effectiveness Report.