



FY 2015 Bay Area UASI Risk Management Program

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The Bay Area UASI has established a cross-jurisdictional, cross-functional Risk Management Program for the urban area. The Program helps set priorities and inform decision-making. It is an on-going effort with regular data input, validation, assessments, and reporting. A risk and capability-based methodology to allocate UASI funds is required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and is mandated in the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority Bylaws. The Risk Management Program follows a series of six steps:

1. Kick-Off Meeting

WHO: All Bay Area UASI stakeholders involved in risk management as appointed by Operational Areas and Core Cities, and other regional and subject matter experts.

WHAT: The Bay Area UASI Management Team provides an overview of the process and goals for the grant year as well as a high level overview of the Digital Sandbox Inc. Risk Analysis Center (RAC) and Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) certification requirements.

WHEN: March 19, 2014, 10:00am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Alameda County Sheriff's Office OES, 4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568

2. Risk Data Validation

WHO: Operational Area subject matter experts who are PCII trained and certified RAC users, NCRIC, and other members assigned this task for an Operational Area.

WHAT: Subject matter experts review and update the asset data based on priority and identified gaps in sectors in the Risk Analysis Center (RAC). The NCRIC reviews and validates the information and then submits it to the PCII office for certification.

WHEN: April 1 – June 30, 2014

WHERE: In Digital Sandbox

- *Digital Sandbox will offer training to RAC users during the last week in March and as needed covering assets, capability assessment input, and general user training.*

3. Operational Area Core Capability Assessment – *New two year cycle! Only applies to Operational Areas that did not complete all 31 Core Capabilities in 2013.*

WHO: Operational Area subject matter experts.

WHAT: Designated Operational Area SMEs complete the Measures & Metrics data input into the Capabilities module in Digital Sandbox to evaluate the level of preparedness in each core capability for their operational area. Each Op Area will have the ability to produce an individual gap analysis to inform priorities for future project funding.

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4. Regional Capabilities Assessment – *New two year cycle!*

The regional capabilities assessment workshop brings together subject matter experts to assess core capabilities and levels of readiness to meet identified risks at a Bay Area regional level. The last regional capability assessment workshop occurred in 2013 and the next one will occur in 2015.

5. Strategy – *New two year cycle!*

The Bay Area Homeland Security Strategy is required by DHS every two years. The Strategy was last produced in 2013 and will again be updated in 2015.

6. THIRA

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) is required by DHS on an annual basis. Digital Sandbox produces the document based on the Bay Area Risk Management Program results. Drafts will be reviewed by the Risk/Info Working Group and Advisory Group before presentation to the Approval Authority in December 2014.

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