



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager
Date: November 13, 2014
Re: Item #3: General Manager's Report

Staff Recommendation: No recommendation - Discussion only.

Action and/or Discussion Items: Discussion Only

- (a) FY15 Project Proposal Submission Process Update
- (b) Bay Area Preventative Radiological/Nuclear Detection Program
- (c) Multimedia/Website Update
- (d) The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event

Discussion/Description:

(a) FY 15 Project Proposal Submission Process Update

On September 24, 2014, the Management Team hosted the FY15 BAUASI project proposal submission kickoff meeting at the Alameda County Sherriff's Office. The objective of the meeting was to provide information about submitting project proposals for consideration of UASI FY 15 funding. The Management Team discussed the project proposal template, electronic submission process, proposal selection criteria and timelines. The Grants Team was present to discuss grant management issues such as financial management, compliance/audits, closeout, and other fiscal matters. The Management Team recorded the training for those who could not personally attend and it can be viewed on the BAUASI website under: <http://www.bauasi.org/node/993>. The kickoff was very successful, with approximately 100 attendees and 35 who participated on-line via webinar.

The deadline for submitting project proposals was October 31, 2014. The proposals will be reviewed by the Management Team for compliance and sorted by Op Area. They will then be sent via email to the associated Approval Authority member who will have from November

24th through December 19th to review for strategy alignment. In 2015, the hub process for review and prioritization will begin.

(b) Bay Area Preventative Radiological/Nuclear Detection (PRND) Program

On October 28, 2014, the Bay Area PRND work group met and discussed a regional program strategy and concept of operations. The meeting was facilitated by Chief Bruce Martin, BAUASI CBRNE Program Manager. The meeting was a successful collaboration between federal, state, and local stakeholders. The specifics of the proposed program will be discussed later in this meeting by Chief Martin as an agenda item. Members of the PRND work group agreed to include the PRND program as an agenda item for the monthly CBRNE meetings.

Additionally, Chief Martin no longer will be the BAUASI Program Manager due to personal commitments and the Management Team has begun the recruitment process to fill the position

(c) Multimedia /Website Update

On November 3, 2014, the BAUASI Management Team issued its first quarterly newsletter. The objective is to provide an update to regional stakeholders on regional programs and initiatives. On a quarterly basis, the newsletter will feature a BAUASI program and highlight regional events, trainings, and/or exercises. The newsletter will also highlight grant compliance tips as well. Please feel free to submit any feedback, suggestions, and/or stories to Ethan Baker who will be in charge of the publication.

The Management Team has released an RFQ for our website upgrade project. In 2015, the Management Team intends to enhance the website to include an on-line grants management program as well making it more interactive. Ethan Baker is the project lead and will be giving an update in the spring of 2015.

(d) The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event

The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Annual Training Event occurred November 4th through November 6th. Mike Sena, President of the NFCA and Director of the NCRIC, hosted the event in Washington, D.C. Representatives from federal, state, and local agencies participated in training sessions and discussed strategies and best practices for information and sharing, outreach/training, and collaboration. Keynote speakers included the Honorable Jeh Johnson, Secretary of the U.S Department of Homeland Security, the Honorable Francis X. Taylor, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Honorable James Comey, FBI Director. They discussed the evolving threats and risks facing the nation and the need to leverage security with information sharing and collaborative efforts. Dave Fraser, UASI Risk & Info Sharing Project Manager and I attended the training.