METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS AND A BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES GUIDE FOR WATER SECURITY

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Council) understands that reliable and safe drinking water supplies are essential for the health, safety, and welfare of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Council has a significant interest is regional water supplies and as such plays a key coordination role in enhancing the reliability, security and protection of the National Capital Region's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Council considers Homeland Security and regional water security and reliability as priorities and has resolved to act as a coordinator and key partner along with area water and wastewater utilities to address those priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Council established a Water Security Work Group to coordinate regional water security and reliability projects, and in that role has identified the need to develop regional water supply emergency operation plans and a best management practices guide for water security as a top priority and has sought funding to address these important needs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded an Urban Area Security Initiative grant to the Council to develop regional emergency operation plans and a best management practices guide for water security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT;

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute a contract(s) to develop an emergency operations plan and best management practices guide to enhance water security for area water utilities. The contract (s) will not exceed $425,000 with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. There is no local match required.