

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS TO ADMINISTER A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INTERDEPENDENCIES EXERCISE PLANNING SEMINAR FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), and the National Capital Region Homeland Security Program's Critical Infrastructure Protection Work Group have identified and understands the importance and need for public-private sector partnerships to address mutual concerns and needs related to infrastructure interdependencies; and

WHEREAS, COG has a significant interest and involvement in regional critical infrastructure protection and as such plays a key coordination and participatory role in enhancing the reliability, security and protection of the National Capital Region's Critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, COG considers Homeland Security and regional critical infrastructure protection as a priority and has been requested to administer and oversee the implementation of a regional Exercise Planning Seminar that will bring together public-private sector partners to forge partnerships to address mutual concerns and needs; and

WHEREAS, the Seminar will build upon existing stakeholder security and management capabilities to collectively and individually identify and examine infrastructure vulnerabilities, interdependencies, and increase response and preparedness awareness; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Homeland Security Program's Exercise Training and Oversight Panel (ETOP) has endorsed the goals, objectives, and funding of the Critical Infrastructure Exercise Planning Seminar; and

WHEREAS, COG has received Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds to implement an Exercise Planning Seminar in the National Capital region.

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 receive and expend grant funds to execute a consultant contract to conduct a one-day Exercise Planning Seminar in the National Capital Region. The grant will not exceed the amount of \$52,046. The funding is to be provided by the District of Columbia State Administrative Agent through an Urban Area Security Initiative grant. The project duration is eight months. No COG matching funds are required.

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