

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A CONTRACT
TO DESIGN A HOMELAND SECURITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE
FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has served for the past decade as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region (NCR) on behalf of local, state and federal partners and other public and private stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Preparedness Council was chartered by the COG Board of Directors on November 13, 2002 as a policy advisor to the Council, and a central element of its mission is to serve as the custodian of the NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan ("Strategic Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the federal-state Senior Policy Group (SPG) and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) Homeland Security Executive Committee have formed a working partnership to jointly determine the highest and best use of federal urban area security funds and other resources to implement the EPC's Strategic Plan and enhance the region's preparedness and ability to rapidly respond to all hazards that may impact the NCR; and

WHEREAS, the SPG and CAOs have determined that creation of an NCR Homeland Security Project Management Office (PMO) is a best practice that would greatly enhance the execution of the work required to carry out coordination, management and implementation of the region's homeland security programs; and

WHEREAS, COG issued RFQ 13-003 on June 3, 2013, seeking a qualified contractor to carry out the design for and assist with the implementation of the NCR Homeland Security PMO; and

WHEREAS, the firm The Clearing was determined to be the best qualified for providing the needed services as a result of the competitive selection process; and

WHEREAS, the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with a Subgrant in the amount of \$135,000 to carry out the PMO design project;

**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 funds from the State Administrative Agent for National Capital Region and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 with the firm The Clearing to design and support implementation of a homeland security Project Management Office for the National Capital Region. No COG matching funds are required.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on July 10, 2013.

Nicole Hange
Acting Executive Board Secretary