

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A
GRANT AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT A REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN
FOR ENERGY EMERGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has provided professional, technical, and secretariat support for homeland security activities in the National Capital Region since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these activities, COG adopted the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) in September 2002, and established the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS) to foster improved communications before, during, and after regional incidents or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, COG's Energy Advisory Committee and Regional Emergency Support Function #12-Energy identified the need to address public information messages for energy emergencies; and

WHEREAS, COG now receives federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds from the US Department of Homeland Security to continue to support the regional homeland security preparedness, response, and recovery activities in the 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 a grant from the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency to review and compile energy emergency information dissemination protocols and messages. The purpose of the project is to raise the level of energy emergency preparedness of National Capital Region residents through a public awareness and education campaign, using typical media outlets such as radio, TV and email. COG is being provided \$25,000 through the Urban Area Securities Initiative for this project. No COG matching funds are required.