

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS TO PARTICIPATE IN DOE'S ROOFTOP SOLAR CHALLENGE II TO INCREASE DEPLOYMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

**WHEREAS**, COG's Climate and Energy Action Plan calls for increased deployment of renewable energy to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of DOE's Rooftop Solar Challenge is to achieve measurable improvements in market conditions for rooftop photovoltaics across the United States, with an emphasis on streamlined and standardized permitting and interconnection processes; and

**WHEREAS**, Optony, Inc. has received an award through the Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) and the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) have received an award through the Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, COG proposes a partnership effort with the above-mentioned organizations to provide local government members with best practices and technical assistance to respond to the rapidly growing demand for solar energy, take advantage of the local environmental and economic benefits this technology presents, and share program information nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the proposed project shall not exceed \$85,000; and MARC requires a match of \$40,000; and Optony, Inc. requires a match of \$8,750;

**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 up to \$125,000 in grant funding from DOE to provide technical assistance to local governments to improve their policies and processes for solar photovoltaic installations. The program will be administered in collaboration with Optony Inc., the Mid America Regional Council (MARC), and the National Association of Regional Councils. The total costs of the services shall not exceed \$125,000. COG will provide matching funds of \$40,000 to MARC and \$8,750 to Optony, Inc. The source of the matching funds will be 50 percent from the approved FY 14 climate and energy program budget and 50 percent from the FY15 climate and energy program budget.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on November 13, 2013.***

***Monica Beyrouti***  
***Clerk to the Board of Directors***