

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) SUBGRANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE REGIONAL INCIDENT COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION SYSTEM (RICCS)

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has provided tremendous 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 has coordinated and maintained the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS) since its establishment in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, COG now receives US Department of Homeland Security grant funding through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) as approved by the Senior Policy Group and the Chief Administrative Officers Committee to pay for the maintenance fee and replacement of servers and other associated costs of the Regional Emergency Communication and Coordination System (RICCS).

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 accept a UASI subgrant to continue to coordinate and maintain the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS) in the National Capitol Region. Activities include paying the annual maintenance fee, replacement of servers, and other associated costs of maintaining the Regional Emergency Communication and Coordination System (RICCS). COG has received a Grant Authorization Notice for \$40,000 in FY08 UASI funds for the period beginning September 1, 2008 and ending August 31, 2010. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange
Board Clerk