

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FACILITATION AND CONSULTING SUPPORT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPG-CAO HOMELAND SECURITY (HSEC) 2.0 AND EXECUTION OF MAJOR FAMILIARIZATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION WORKSHOP**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

**WHEREAS**, The Clearing facilitated the design of the National Capital Region Homeland Security Program Management Office and has the specific knowledge, capacity, and facilities to support the SPG-CAO HSEC; and

**WHEREAS**, The Clearing successfully facilitated and provided consulting support of the SPG-CAO Homeland Security (HSEC) offsite including preparation, hosting the off-site event and supported follow-up actions; and

**WHEREAS**, successful implementation of HSEC 2.0 requires the region's homeland security and public safety subject matter experts are fully briefed and integrated into the enhanced organizational structure through convening a major familiarization and synchronization workshop.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The board endorses Homeland Security (HSEC) 2.0 and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with The Clearing, Inc. and expend an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to fund facilitation and consulting support for the creation of HSEC 2.0, including execution of a major regional workshop for the region's homeland security and public safety subject matter experts. The contractor will provide specialized program management skills, coaching, and guidance to aid the HSEC in its relationships, interactions with, and support of the planning goals and objectives as they set the framework for success in the future. Funding for this effort is available in the budget of the FY 2016 COG PMO grant.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on October 26, 2016.**

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