

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with the US Army Center for Environmental Health Research in Support of the Drinking Water Security Monitoring Network in the National Capital Region

WHEREAS, the security and reliability of drinking water supplies is of utmost importance to the health and welfare of the citizens of the National Capital Region (NCR); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Council) has and continues to play a central coordination, management, and leadership role in the support and enhancement of water security and reliability; and

WHEREAS, the Council has established a Water Security Workgroup and has developed informal working partnerships with the US Army Center for Environmental Health Research (USACEHR) and others to develop and secure funding to establish a water security monitoring network, develop improved water security modeling, and to assess regional emergency drinking water interconnections for the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the Council shares a vested interest with USACEHR in supporting water security monitoring in the NCR and in particular the use of the Fish Biomonitoring System developed by USACEHR; and

WHEREAS, USCEHR wishes to assist the Council and the drinking water utilities enhance their emergency response capability by providing an emergency mobile laboratory and other equipment as well as establish a water security monitoring network by sharing its water monitoring expertise through consultation and biomonitoring equipment installation and training support;

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 execute a 36 month Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the US Army Center for Environmental Health Research in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (\$5,000 renewable annually) for the ownership transfer of an emergency mobile laboratory trailer (estimated value of \$250,000) and monitoring equipment, and to provide consultation services, biomonitor installation assistance and training in support of the National Capital Region drinking water security monitoring network. Funding to support this project is included in the FY 2006 Regional Water Resources program budget.