

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT WITH THE OCCOQUAN MONITORING LABORATORY FOR THE FISCAL 2009
OPERATION OF THE CHAIN BRIDGE MONITORING STATION**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that water quality monitoring of fall line conditions is important to assess Potomac River water quality and upstream load contributions to the Potomac Estuary and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has coordinated Potomac River water quality monitoring activities of twelve local, state and federal agencies since 1982; and

WHEREAS, regional water quality monitoring will continue to be required to assess Potomac River water quality loads of nitrogen and phosphorous in order to implement best management practices designed to minimize the impacts of urbanization; and

WHEREAS, regional water quality monitoring and Potomac River fall line data will continue to be required to assist in the upgrade and implementation of Chesapeake Bay modeling efforts.

**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 five year contract, contingent upon availability of funds, with Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University/Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory (VPI&SU/OWML) in an amount not to exceed \$661,144 to support the ongoing Chain Bridge monitoring station using funding from the Regional Water Fund. No COG matching funds will be required.
