

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT WITH THE OCCOQUAN MONITORING LABORATORY FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2005 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:

1. To execute a three-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 \$320,000 to support the ongoing Chain Bridge monitoring station using funding from the Regional Water Fund. No COG matching funds are required.
2. To utilize this contract as an in-kind match for a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, adopted by the COG Board on April 14, 2004, to upgrade Chesapeake Bay modeling tools.
