

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROVIDE CONTRACT
DEVELOPMENT AND HIRING SUPPORT FOR A
REGIONAL INCIDENT COORDINATION (RIC) PROGRAM MANAGER**

WHEREAS, the November 9, 2011 Report of the COG Steering Committee on Incident Management and Response advocated the need for improved regional situational awareness and coordination and communication among area officials. It also made recommendations on key issues such as employee release decisions, communication with the public, and backup power for traffic signals and critical facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's proposed Regional Incident Coordination (RIC) Program will monitor the region, distribute and redistribute relevant information, provide a picture of the regional situation, and initiate actions, including conference calls, which will allow for officials to better coordinate decision-making; and

WHEREAS, as the as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region COG has been asked to be the administrator of contract development and the hiring of a RIC Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, the RIC Program Manager will perform these functions at the offices of the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and may leverage existing technical and back- up support available from DCHSEMA; and

WHEREAS, centralizing regional emergency messaging, through the RIC program, will result in more timely and informed decision making.

**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 receive and expend up to \$100,000 to fund the DC HSEMA hosted RIC Program Manager. Funding for this position will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent. No COG matching funds are requested.
