

CONSENT AGENDA

**Resolution R35-10
July 14, 2010**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO FUND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COUNCIL SENIOR LEADERS SEMINAR FOR 2010**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) serves as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Emergency Preparedness Council Work Plan includes a request for the Exercise and Training Operations Panel (ETOP) to develop and conduct an Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leaders Seminar (Seminar) to improve emergency preparedness in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Grants Management Office has provided COG with Urban Area Security Initiative funding to develop and conduct the Seminar and the associated R-ESF/RPWG Workshop and to provide an After Action Report; and

WHEREAS, the ETOP has developed a Statement of Work and requested that COG obtain the services of a consulting firm to develop and conduct the Seminar for 2010 and the associated R-ESF/RPWG Workshop.

**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 contract with CAN Analysis and Solutions to develop and conduct the Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leaders Seminar for 2010 and the associated R-ESF/RPWG Workshop. Funds in the amount of \$204,996 have been approved by the Exercise and Training Operations Panel and will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region. No COG matching funds are required.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO FUND REQUESTED SUPPORT TO DOCUMENT
STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES USED BY THE JOINT ALL-HAZARDS
OPERATIONS CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) serves as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, COG has been requested by the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to issue a contract to evaluate and document Standard Operating Procedures utilized by the Joint All-Hazards Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the contractor will support the District of Columbia HSEMA in developing and documenting these procedures to guide and govern notification and situational awareness reports delivered to the District of Columbia and regional stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, funding for the contract to evaluate, update and improve selected emergency plans will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region (SAA).

**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 contract to evaluate and document Standing Operating Procedures utilized by the Joint All-Hazards Operations Center. The SAA will provide COG with \$161,543.63 in FY08 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program Subgrant funding through August 31, 2010. No COG funds will be required.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP-RELATED
SUPPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is a nationally recognized watershed restoration expert and has provided coordination, management, and technical support for the Anacostia restoration effort since 1987; and

WHEREAS, COG has a continuing interest in the restoration, management and protection of the Anacostia River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, at its June 14, 2006 meeting the COG Board adopted Resolution R28-06 establishing the Anacostia Restoration Partnership (Partnership), including the formation of a new Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maryland has a vested interest in the restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries, and is an active voting and dues-paying member of the Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee (AWSC) and Anacostia Watershed Management Committee (AWMC); and

WHEREAS, implementation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan is a high priority for both the AWSC and AWMC, and COG's assistance in providing technical assistance is critical; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 24, 2010, the Steering Committee adopted the annual Work Program and Budget for FY 2011; and

WHEREAS, Maryland, as a dues-paying member of the Partnership, helps to underwrite the annual work program and budget.

**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 enter into a memorandum of understanding to provide Anacostia governance-related services, consistent with the annual WP&B, to the Maryland Department of the Environment and support for implementation of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. The contractual services identified in the MOU will not exceed \$41,500, with funding provided by MDE. No COG matching funds are required. The period of performance is one year.

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PILOT REGIONAL ENERGY OUTREACH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) adopted a Climate Change Report that includes a goal to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in the region by 10 percent by 2012, 20 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050 below 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, in the Washington region the residential sector accounts for thirty-three percent of total energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Energy Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) adopted a 2012 Climate Action Plan that places a priority on reducing energy use in residential buildings and developing a regional energy public education campaign; and

WHEREAS, CEEPC endorses the development of a pilot regional energy conservation program that would motivate residents to reduce home energy use through a rewards system and would measure their residential energy consumption with their permission; and

WHEREAS, a COG energy efficiency website is critical to the pilot program for participants to register, connect to their utilities, learn about energy saving tips and rewards for energy conservation and will be the tool for an expanded regional program that involves competition between groups.

**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 solicit and contract with a competitively bid consultant to develop a website and web-based platform for the energy conservation outreach program in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Funding for this initiative is provided in COG's FY 2011 Regional Environmental Fund's Work Program and Budget.

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**APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF
GREEHAN, TAVES, PANDAK & STONER PLLC**

WHEREAS, The Executive Director advised the COG Board earlier in 2010 that COG would seek legal support on a contract/retainer basis following the retirement of Lee Ruck; and

WHEREAS, COG issued a request for qualifications on March 31 and held a pre-bid conference on April 22; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee that included the Chair of the COG Regional Attorneys Committee review the fifteen submitted proposals; and

WHEREAS, Greenhan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner which focuses on representing localities and other public entities, as well as non-profits interested in public policy was the selected firm.

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

The COG Board authorizes the COG Executive Director to execute a contract with the law firm of Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC to provide legal support and serve as COG's general counsel effective July 1, 2010. The contract shall not exceed \$150,000 (including \$96,000 for retainer services) in FY 2011. This amount is included in COG's FY 2011 budget. The contract period of performance includes FY 2012 and FY 2013. Budgetary authorization for performance in FY 2012 and FY 2013 will be provided in the annual budget and work programs for those years.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TITLE VI POLICY STATEMENT AND PLAN

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is an independent, nonprofit association supported by financial contributions from its participating local governments, federal and state grants and contracts, and donations from foundations and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, COG commits to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100.259), be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any COG program or activity regardless of the funding source; and

WHEREAS, COG serves as the administrative agent for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) under an agreement with the Transportation Departments of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the TPB is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region and has the responsibility under the provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, COG, as the administrative agent for the TPB, receives Federal transportation funding;

WHEREAS, COG receives Federal funding from other agencies that also have Title VI requirements.

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

The Board approves the proposed Title VI Policy Statement and Plan in order to meet Title VI and attendant federal requirements. The Executive Director, in his capacity, will serve as the Title VI Officer and is authorized to revise and update the plan as necessary.