

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH THE POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
(PEPCO) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING AN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE
HARDENING PILOT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has developed a Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) for the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the RECP has an energy component that established to facilitate restoration of the nation's energy systems following a natural disaster or other significant event requiring federal response assistance; and

WHEREAS, power and fuel are critical to protecting health, lives, safety, and property, maintaining civil governance, commerce, and business continuity, and carrying out emergency response functions; and

WHEREAS, damage to an energy system in one region can have a domino effect on energy suppliers in other states, which rely on the same distribution or transmission system; and

WHEREAS, the National Laboratories Assessment Team Report identified areas of vulnerability to our electrical distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the PEPCO Infrastructure Hardening Pilot Project will begin addressing some of the vulnerabilities identified in the National Laboratories Assessment Team Report; and

WHEREAS, the COG administered federal funding and actions related to a number of program areas in the past;

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 prepare and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security and Subsequently with the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) For the Purpose of Administering An Energy Infrastructure Hardening Pilot Project. The contract will not exceed the amount of \$1,985,489 with funding provided by the U.S. Homeland Security Department. No additional local COG funds are required.
