

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND URBAN
AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE WATER
SECURITY MONITORING NETWORK IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) understands that reliable and safe drinking water supplies are essential for the health, safety, and welfare of the region; and

WHEREAS, COG has a significant interest in regional water supplies and as such plays a key coordination role in enhancing the reliability, security and protection of the National Capital Region's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, COG considers Homeland Security and regional water security and reliability as priorities and has resolved to act as a coordinator and key partner along with area water and wastewater utilities to address those priorities; and

WHEREAS, COG established a Water Security Work Group to coordinate regional water security and reliability projects, which has identified as a top priority the need to seek funding and develop regional water security programs and projects such as water system contamination monitoring network; and

WHEREAS, COG has received an Urban Area Security Initiative grant to purchase additional equipment to enhance the water security monitoring and communication network in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, it is in the region's best interest for COG to work cooperatively with the other Water Security Work Group partners to implement projects that address regional drinking water and wastewater security priorities.

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

The Board will be requested to adopt Resolution R12-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to expend FY 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$490,000 for the purpose of purchasing additional water quality monitors and communication hardware and software upgrades as part of the expansion and enhancement of the National Capital Region's Water Security Monitoring Network. There is no local matching funds are required.