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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2006

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chair Fisette will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(12:00 Noon)

Chair Jay Fisette
Board Member, Arlington County

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 10, 2006**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)

Chair Fisette

- A) Local-State Partnership Dinner Outcomes
- B) CBPC and Loudoun County Water Quality Tour
- C) Proposed Green Building Initiative
- D) 2006 Homeless Enumeration Report
- E) COG Annual Retreat, July 28-30
- F) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Outreach
 - b. Letters Sent/Received
 - c. Legislative Report Update

4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)

5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 11.A. & 11.B. & 11.C.

**6. REGIONAL PAWN DATABASE UPDATE
(12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)**

**Chief Mary Ann Viverette, City of Gaithersburg
President, International Association of Chiefs of Police**

**Congressman James Moran
Virginia**

The Regional Pawn Database Sharing System was developed by COG and its Police Chiefs Committee to serve the National Capital Region. Nineteen local law enforcement agencies in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and numerous other law enforcement agencies at the federal or regional levels, have been authorized to share pawn transaction data through this Web enabled project and use the system for investigative purposes. Federal funding for this project was obtained through the assistance of Congressman Moran. The project was also recognized for its innovation by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The Board will be briefed on the project's outcomes to date and Representative Moran will acknowledge the IACP award.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution R26-06.

**7. RESOLUTION ON WASHINGTON AREA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP (WAHP) FUNDING
SUPPORT
(12:40 - 12:45 p.m.)**

**Barbara Favola
Member, Arlington County Board
Chair, Washington Area Housing Partnership**

COG established the Washington Area Housing Partnership in 1991 to serve as a public-private membership organization within COG, supported by private sector grants and voluntary public funding. The WAHP Board recently completed its affordable housing toolkit and is now conducting an extensive outreach program, meeting with many area local governments to address regional and local affordable and workforce housing needs. The WAHP Board approved a new membership structure in May 2006 that allows for greater public sector participation and streamlined membership categories. The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R32-06, authorizing the executive director to solicit voluntary support for the WAHP from COG member governments that wish to become Partnership members and participate in its public-private work program as part of the COG fiscal year budget solicitation and schedule. No supplemental COG funding support or matching funds are requested.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R32-06.

**8. REVIEW OF 2006 DRAFT ENERGY STRATEGIC PLAN
(12:45 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**James Gorby, Fairfax County
Chair, CAO's Energy Advisory Committee**

**George Nichols
Principal Environmental Planner, COG**

The CAO's Energy Advisory Committee recently completed a draft Energy Strategic Plan for the National Capital Region. The Strategic Plan outlines an energy vision and mission for the National Capital Region and expands existing regional energy and environmental goals. The Strategic Plan will also identify potential initiatives to address the region's diversity of energy sources, help manage energy demand, mitigate the effects of energy disruption and enhance overall environmental quality. Development of the

Strategic Plan was identified by the COG Board of Directors as a 2006 priority. The COG Board will be asked to transmit the draft Strategic Plan to local governments and other stakeholders for a 60 day comment period prior to COG Board action in September 2006.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R27-06.

9. ACTION TO ESTABLISH ANACOSTIA WATERSHED RESTORATION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

(1:05 – 1:25 p.m.)

**Mayor Anthony Williams
District of Columbia**

**John Lovell,
Member, Frederick County Board of Commissioners
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

**Dr. Edward U. Graham
COG Water Resources Program Director**

During the past year, COG's Anacostia Watershed Restoration Committee and other stakeholders discussed ways to modify the existing Anacostia governance structure to strengthen local and regional partnerships to aid restoration of the Anacostia River. The Anacostia River is one of the most polluted waterways in the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. At the recommendation of District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams, the COG Board asked the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee to examine this issue and develop recommendations for COG Board action. The COG Board will be briefed on key findings and recommendations and the impact on local governments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R28-06.

10. HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATES

(1:25 – 1:50 p.m.)

A. Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Assessments

**Anthony Griffin
County Executive, Fairfax County
Chair, Chief Administrative Officers Committee**

Government at all levels stepped up emergency planning and coordination following the terrorist attacks of September 11, in large measure through work initiated by COG and subsequently its National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC), the Chief Administrative Officers Committee and other key committees. In September 2005, the COG Board of Directors requested an examination of local and regional preparedness in light of the Hurricane Katrina and Rita lessons learned and anticipated federal civilian and military support to state and local governments. COG and area local governments recently participated in a preparedness assessment through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). The COG Board will be briefed on the significant regional and local findings recently presented to the EPC, how findings are being integrated into ongoing planning and resource allocation, and anticipated next steps.

B. FY 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funding

Gerald Connolly

Chair, Fairfax County Board

Chair, National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council

The National Capital Region receives federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds to support regional emergency planning, training, exercise and equipment needs. Area local governments, working through the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council, the Chiefs Administrative Officers Committee and several Regional Emergency Support Function groups help to prioritize needs and develop recommended initiatives. Although the National Capital Region is recognized as a high-risk target for acts of terrorism, Federal UASI funding to the National Capital Region was reduced by 40 percent regionally, compared with FY 2005. New York City and several other regions also were targeted for grant cuts. The Board will be briefed on the proposed cuts, additional federal feedback on the rationale for grant decisions, and how the region proposes to re-assess recommended initiatives.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefings.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution Authorizing COG to Host Critical Homeland Security-Related Equipment on Behalf of the Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R29-06, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to execute the approved proposal to provide hosting services for the National Capital Region Interoperability Program (NCRIP). The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with \$75,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding to execute the proposal to provide the needed hosting services. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R29-06.

B. Approval of Contract to Purchase New Information Technology Systems

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R30-06, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract with Dell, Inc., to purchase software and hardware for a storage area network (SAN), in an amount not to exceed \$95,000. The budget for this purchase is included in the approved FY 2006 budget under the capital expenditures and contingency line item. As a capital expenditure, this purchase will be amortized for three years and the annual cost will be recovered through COG's indirect cost allocation plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-06.

C. Resolution in Support of a Grant to Expand the Higher Education Scholarship Program

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R31-06, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to seek grant funding to expand opportunities for tuition-free college level education and training for child care providers who wish to obtain an advanced degree in early childhood education. COG has been administering the Higher Education Scholarship Program (HESP) for ten years which grants scholarships to family child care providers and center-based child care staff. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and used at area colleges and universities. A grant proposal will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor to expand the number of HESP scholarships provided. Grant funds not to exceed \$325,000 over two years will be requested. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R31-06.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006.