

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN OFFICE OF  
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) GRANT APPLICATION AND THE  
EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE (DOJ) FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE REGIONAL PAWN DATA SHARING  
SYSTEM (RPDSS)**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-161), has awarded funds that will be received and disbursed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG); and

**WHEREAS**, since the Fall of 2004, COG jurisdictions have initiated and maintained the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System (RPDSS), a program designed to permit law enforcement agencies to secure real time information about property being pawned throughout the region. This has allowed law enforcement agencies to solve hundreds of stolen property cases, recovering hundreds of thousands of dollars, that may have never been recovered; and

**WHEREAS**, Business Watch International (BWI) will be contracted to continue to develop the RPDSS and provide the following enhancements: (1) Interfacing the newly developed SIRAS Database; (2) Enabling RPDSS to use Firefox Browser; (3) Enabling the Addition of New Organizations on the fly, (4) Pre-populating Data Entry Forms, and (5) Enhancing the Graphical User Interface (GUI).

**WHEREAS**, BWI was awarded the contract to develop the RPDSS, using prior COPS funding, based upon its response to the Request for Proposal solicited by the Pawn Subcommittee of the COG Police Chiefs Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has provided support in the development of the RPDSS since its inception into the National Capital Region to support RPDSS goals and policies in the region; and

**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 submit a technology grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, and receive and disburse funds to enhance and maintain the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System in accordance to the grant application. The DOJ-COPS Office will provide \$93,530 to fund the project. The Executive Director, or his designee, is further authorized, to enter into contracts with Business Watch International (BWI), to provide specialized support to complete the project. No COG matching funds are required.