

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. EPA FOR REGIONAL WATER SECURITY MONITORING
PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), established the Task Force on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the National Capital Region (Task Force) on October 24, 2001 to guide COG's emergency planning and coordination efforts following the attacks of September 11, 2001 on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, water utilities, local governments, state, federal and regional public agencies convened a special Water Security Work Group under the umbrella of the COG and its Task Force to guide emergency planning and coordination efforts with regard to protection of the region's water supply and wastewater treatment critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has appropriated \$385,700 in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) State and Tribal assistance Grant ("STAG") program for COG to implement water security projects in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the Water Security Work Group has endorsed a comprehensive prospectus of regional drinking water security initiatives intended to address regional water security priorities such as early warning monitoring, distribution system modeling, regional water system redundancy studies, and emergency response and preparedness planning; and

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

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 file a grant application and receive funds from the U.S. EPA in the amount of \$385,700 for the purpose of implementing water security projects in the National Capital Region. The required 45% matching funds will be provided through in-kind services of contractors providing water security monitoring and modeling services, as approved by the U.S. EPA. No COG matching funds are required.
