

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT WITH THE OCCOQUAN MONITORING LABORATORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004
OPERATION OF THE CHAIN BRIDGE MONITORING STATION**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that water quality monitoring of fall line conditions is important to assess Potomac River water quality and upstream load contributions to the Potomac Estuary and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has coordinated Potomac River water quality monitoring activities of twelve local, state and federal agencies since 1982; and

WHEREAS, regional water quality monitoring will continue to be required to assess Potomac River water quality loads of nitrogen and phosphorous as the region continues to develop and implement best management practices designed to minimize the impacts of urbanization; and

WHEREAS, COG and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) fully fund operation of the Chain Bridge monitoring station to provide specific information useful to assess water quality trends and pollutant loads to the upper Potomac estuary and Chesapeake Bay;

**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:

1. To execute a contract with Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University/Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory (VPI&SU/OWML) in an amount not to exceed \$76,068 to provide support to the Chain Bridge monitoring station using funding from the FY2004 Regional Water Fund. No COG matching funds are required.
2. To solicit renewal of the grant from MDDNR to fund 22% of the \$97,422 necessary to maintain operation of the Chain Bridge monitoring station; and
3. Upon the commitment from MDDNR to continue this funding, amend the VPI&SU/OWML contract to provide continued operation of the Chain Bridge monitoring station at the total project cost of \$97,422 to support this monitoring effort through June 30, 2004.