

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) SUBGRANT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COG PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND SECRETARIAT SUPPORT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has provided tremendous professional, technical, and secretariat support for homeland security activities in the National Capital Region since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these activities, COG adopted the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) in September 2002, and established the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS) to foster improved communications before, during, and after regional incidents or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, COG's initial work was funded by a special federal appropriations awarded in October 2001; and

WHEREAS, COG now receives federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds from the US Department of Homeland Security to continue to support the regional homeland security preparedness, response, and recovery activities in the region.

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 accept a UASI subgrant to continue to provide regional support for homeland security activities in the National Capitol Region. Activities include professional, technical, and secretariat support for the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council, Chief Administrative Officer's Committee, 16 Regional Emergency Support Functions, and several Regional Program Work Groups. UASI funds are awarded by the US Department of Homeland Security to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, with the District of Columbia serving as the grant administrator. COG has received a Grant Authorization Notice for \$470,000 in FY07 UASI funds for the period ending June 30, 2009. COG anticipates receiving an additional \$940,000 in FY08 UASI funds. No COG matching funds are required.

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