



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA NOTE -

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SUBJECT:

The HRPDC Emergency Management staff has worked diligently with the Hampton Roads Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) in the FY 2010 Department of Homeland Security's UASI Grant Program application process. The FY 2010 grant cycle began with the application process that was initiated in December 2009 through a coordinated effort with the UAWG, Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, and Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Prior to the grant application period and over the course of 3 months, the UAWG worked through all of its members and/or respective stakeholders (Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Management, Communications, Utilities, etc.) to solicit, develop, and approve proposals for projects that meet the criteria for the UASI grant. These proposals, known as investment justifications, have been vetted through the UAWG and will be submitted to VDEM for review, which in turn, will submit the proposals to the Department of Homeland Security for vetting, review, approval, and awarding of funds.

BACKGROUND:

Hampton Roads was designated a UASI region for the FY 2007 Grant cycle and has successfully been granted UASI funding for the FY 2007, FY 2008 and FY 2009 cycles. The UASI grant is one of several grants that fall under the umbrella of the Homeland Security Grant Program. The UASI program addresses the unique multi-disciplinary planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and assists in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. The UASI program directly supports the National Priority on expanding regional collaboration in the National Preparedness Guidelines and is intended to assist participating jurisdictions in developing integrated regional systems and/or assets for prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

Mr. Richard Flannery, HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator will brief the Commission on the FY 2010 UASI application.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit the FY 2010 UASI Grant Application to VDEM for submission to DHS.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The UAWG completed the selection process for the UASI grant application on March 2, 2010. The deadline for submitting applications to VDEM is March 18, 2010. Award of grants by DHS is expected in fall 2010. As part of the selection process, an analytical team headed up by the Dr. Barry Ezell (UAWG Higher Education Representative) from the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC), facilitated an objective and

analytical process to aid the UAWG members in selecting the projects for submission. The Commonwealth's Homeland Security Strategy, Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy, State Preparedness Report, and Department of Homeland Security References required to be implemented and/or utilized were included in the analytical tool and process used.