

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM#11: URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE CONTRACT - ANALYTICAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

SUBJECT:

Authorize a contract with the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) for analytical support for the Urban Area Security Initiative.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), the Homeland Security research staff at Old Dominion University Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center has provided “pro bono” analytical support to the Urban Area Working Group in support of the Homeland Security Grant Program, the regional Gap Analysis, and re-development of the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy in 2010. As part of this support, VMASC has been able to facilitate additional research for its organization and provide needed analytical support to staff for the management of this high interest homeland security grant program. Staff would like to continue this analytical support to advance the UASI program by developing analytical tools for sustainment solutions, project selection models for future grants, and solutions for increased resiliency in homeland security planning. Staff applied for and budgeted funds in the FY10 UASI Program Management project specifically for this.

The UASI Program provides financial assistance to address the unique multi-disciplinary planning, operations, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas, and to assist in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Old Dominion University Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center for analytical support for the Urban Area Security Initiative.