



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2011

FROM: PORT POLICE

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES' HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE FUNDS**

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is proposing to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Los Angeles (City) for the purpose of reimbursing funds from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09). UASI grants are provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fund the needs of large urban areas associated with building a sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

In April 2009, DHS awarded the City grant monies in support of the FY09 UASI program. On August 3, 2010, City Council authorized the Mayor's Office to accept the UASI grant award. The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, serving as fiduciary agent, will administer grant funds provided to the City.

Awards approved for expenditure by the Harbor Department are mobile radiological nuclear detection equipment (\$200,000) and crime and intelligence analyst staffing (\$160,000), for the total dollar amount of \$360,000. The contracted analyst position will staff the Port's counter terrorism analyst position at the Joint Regional Intelligence Center. This position reviews all maritime-related terrorism threats and specifically analyzes vulnerabilities to the Port. The award is for a three-year period ending March 31, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Harbor Department and the City, by and through the Mayor's Office, to provide reimbursement of funds from the Urban Area Security Initiative;
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

In April 2009, DHS awarded the City grant monies in support of FY09 UASI program for a three-year period ending March 31, 2012. Harbor Department items approved for expenditure are:

Mobile Radiological Nuclear Detection Equipment	\$200,000
<u>Crime and Intelligence Analyst Staff</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>
Total dollar amount approved to be spent for these items	\$360,000

On August 3, 2010, City Council approved Council File (CF) 09-1275 authorizing the Mayor's Office to accept the UASI grant award for FY09. The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety will serve as fiduciary agent and administer grant funds provided to the City. As fiduciary agent to DHS, the City is required to execute an MOA with its stakeholders as an instrument for reimbursement of UASI funds. Because the Harbor Department is considered to be an outside entity with its own revenue stream, separate from Council-controlled departments who receive their budget from the General Fund, an MOA will serve to document the transfer of funds.

The Harbor Department will be reimbursed for grant expenditures when the procurements are executed and projects completed. Invoices for reimbursement will be submitted to the Office of the Mayor on a monthly basis. The Harbor Department will send a copy of the invoices supporting the reimbursement request.

Board approval of the MOA is necessary because the effective period of the MOA exceeds one year.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of an MOA for the purpose of reimbursing funds from UASI program. As an administrative action, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

Approval of this MOA to reimburse funds from UASI will have no employment impact in the five county region.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The entire cost of this MOA is to be reimbursed by DHS under the UASI FY09 Grant Program through the City upon requests for drawdown of funds. The Harbor Department will be responsible to pay for the procurements, then receive reimbursement through the MOA.

Funds are available in the Port Police Division's Operating Budget as follows:

FY 2010/11	Account 13240, Center 0412, Program 640	\$200,000
FY 2010/11	Account 54290, Center 0412, Program 640	\$ 80,000
FY 2011/12	Account 54290, Center 0412, Program 640	\$ 80,000

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved this MOU as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Memorandum of Agreement
2. Council File No. 09-1275

FIS Approval: KH (initials)



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