



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2014

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE REGION, SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is seeking to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office (Mayor's Office) for the purpose of participating in the Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, Securing the Cities (STC) Program. It is a program of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), overseen by its Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) designed to enhance the nation's ability to detect and prevent a radiological or nuclear attack in cities facing the highest risk.

The Mayor's Office has been awarded grant funds and will work with DNDO to oversee the cooperative efforts of program participants in developing and enhancing each participant's and the broader LA/LB UASI region's nuclear and radiological detection and interdiction capabilities. The DNDO will conduct training and exercises for participants and award annual grant funds to the Mayor's Office for use in the STC Program. DNDO requires program participants to execute a MOU to memorialize each participant's commitment to the program.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office and the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety submitted and subsequently received awards for competitive grant applications to the DHS DNDO for Fiscal Years (FY) 2012 and 2013 STC program. The City of Los Angeles was eligible to apply on behalf of the LA/LB Urban Area (UA) as it was previously identified as a Tier 1 region under the UASI program.

In accordance with the Harbor Department's 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, Initiative 3 of the 1st Strategic Objective of Competitive Operations, participation in the STC Program will enhance Port resiliency by providing emergency management training to sworn Port Police Officers. The STC program assists high-risk urban areas in developing and enhancing capabilities to detect, report and prevent the unauthorized presence and use of radiological and nuclear materials. DHS has agreed to partner with the Mayor's Office to expand the program to the LA/LB UA to develop a regional structure of law enforcement and first responder organizations to identify, prevent and respond to potential nuclear and radiological threats. The Mayor's Office will oversee the cooperative efforts of program participants in developing and enhancing each participant's and the broader LA/LB UA region's nuclear and radiological detection and interdiction capabilities. DNDO will assist in the effort by conducting training and exercises for the participants and by awarding annual STC grand funds to the Mayor's Office for use in the program.

Program participants include the City of Los Angeles' Police, Fire, Airport and Harbor Departments, and other regional public safety and health agencies. DNDO requires each participant to execute a MOU to memorialize their commitment to participating in the program. The proposed MOU requires each participant to:

- Designate a representative for program meetings and activities, and participate in accordance with each participant's policies, procedures and protocols;
- Assist in identifying current needs for establishing a radiological and nuclear detection program in the LA/LB UA region;
- Collaborate in developing and drafting protocols, procedures, plans, and concepts of operation to enhance data collection and sharing capabilities among participants, and coordinate enforcement, operations and responses to a radiological and nuclear incident in the LA/LB UA;
- Collect, share and analyze intelligence, information, and resources to predict, prevent, respond to, adjudicate, report and archive the illicit use, storage or movement of radiological materials in the LA/LB UA and the Orange County region;
- Attend training and exercises;

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- Comply with any mutual aid agreements and work with established partnerships between Federal, State and local agencies to support program operations and mutual aid;
- Provide assistance in the establishment of a dedicated STC command and control center at the Los Angeles Police Department's Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division; and
- Deploy equipment purchased by STC grant funds in a manner agreed to by program participants and the Mayor's Office.

The Mayor's Office will serve as fiscal agent and the lead agency with regards to all fiscal matters, as well as for the procurement of any equipment and services. The proposed MOU does not result in any financial obligation. It is for a maximum three and a half-year period not to exceed September 14, 2017, and becomes effective upon execution of the participant. The Mayor's Office will execute the MOU subsequent to Board approval.

As part of the Mayor's Office grant award, funding up to an amount not to exceed \$88,900 was received to reimburse the Harbor Department on an as-needed basis to support the backfill and overtime costs associated with attending training. Prior to reimbursement of any expenses a subsequent contract with the Mayor's Office will be required.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval to enter into a MOU with the Mayor's Office for participation in the LA/LB UASI Region STC Program, administered by the DHS DNDO. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2 (f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

This Board action will have no employment impact.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed MOU will have no material financial impact upon the Harbor Department. Pending approval of this MOA, a subsequent MOA will be required to receive funding up to an amount not to exceed \$88,900 to reimburse the Harbor Department on an as-needed basis to support the backfill and overtime costs associated with all sworn Port Police Officers attending training.

CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTAL:

1. Memorandum of Understanding

FIS Approval: HR (initials)
CA Approval: JMA (initials)



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