

## **AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #9: URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE CONTRACT ADDENDUM FOR TARGET CAPABILITIES ASSESSMENT**

#### **SUBJECT:**

Using reallocated UASI funds, the HRPDC staff needs to continue the Target Capabilities assessment to complete the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy using its existing contractor.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

As part of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) planning process, 14 of the 37 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Target Capabilities were assessed this last year (2009 & 2010) to meet Homeland Security Grant Program requirements. The assessment provided a baseline for 14 of the region's homeland security capabilities from which new initiatives could be developed and allow for measurement of progress in fulfilling gaps identified. Additionally, the assessment was used to update the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy as required by DHS.

To further assess additional Target Capabilities for the UASI planning process, the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) has reallocated funding within the fiscal year 2008 grant to further this project and asked the vendor for a new scope of work. Once vetted and approved, a new task under the existing contract that was authorized in June 2009, will need to be executed. This scope of work continues the assessment process and will be focused on those Target Capabilities that pertain to public health, medical planning (including medical surge), emergency medical systems, mass care, and CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive) detection capabilities.

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.

The project has been and will continue to be included in the HRPDC's UPWP until all 37 Target Capabilities are assessed with an updated Homeland Security Strategy.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a new task order under the existing contract with CNA to further the assessment process for the Target Capabilities as part of the Homeland Security Grant Programs Urban Area Security Initiative.

**STAFF COMMENTARY:**

The UAWG and its associated stakeholders were very pleased with the work and deliverables from the initial assessment of the 14 Target Capabilities and have expressed a desire to continue working with the vendor on contract.