



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Catherine Spaulding, Bay Area UASI Management Team

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RE: Item #11: Securing the Cities (STC) Funding Opportunity

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that they further explore whether the STC funding possibility is advisable and feasible, and report back at the July Approval Authority Meeting

Action or Discussion Item:

Discussion and possible action to approve further exploration of the STC funding opportunity

Discussion

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Securing the Cities (STC) Program provides Tier 1 UASI regions with funding for coordinated and integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear materials. The grant period is five years, and the application is due July 20th. There are \$2 million dollars available in the first year (primarily for planning and administrative set up), and there may be up to \$270 million available over the life of the program.

DHS expects one application per UASI area fully coordinated with all primary participants and encompassing all nuclear detection mission areas. The primary participants should include the region's larger law enforcement agencies, fire services, radiation health agency, regional transit authorities, and maritime components including members of the Area Maritime Security Committee.

To implement the grant, we could build upon our Bay Area UASI governance infrastructure, but we'd need to create new mechanisms to include other players. The STC Program requires a detailed application on a short time line. It also involves a specialized technical area in which the Management Team currently does not have expertise. The Management Team welcomes assistance by technical experts in participating jurisdictions and would be grateful if Approval Authority members could identify any such experts.



Background on the STC:

The STC Program is issued by DHS' Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). STC seeks to assist State, local and tribal agencies to design and implement or enhance existing architectures for coordinated and integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear materials that are out of regulatory control and may be used as a weapon within high-risk metropolitan areas in the United States. The STC Program will establish sustainable capability to detect and report unauthorized nuclear materials within their jurisdictions supporting the Global Nuclear Detection Architecture (GNDA). The GNDA is a worldwide network of sensors, telecommunications, and personnel with the supporting information exchanges, programs, and protocols that serve to detect, analyze, and report on nuclear and radiological materials that are out of regulatory control.

STC Program Objectives:

- Objective 1: Assist State, local and tribal governments in developing local nuclear detection architectures resulting in awareness, training, technical support, exercises and capability development.
- Objective 2: Establish information connectivity among deployed detection systems in the interior layer and State, local, tribal, private and regional data analysis centers, to include connectivity for technical reachback and adjudication support.
- Objective 3: Establish administrative infrastructure to support nuclear detection program.
- Objective 4: Establish coordination mechanisms between stakeholders for routine daily operations and focused/stepped up deployments.

DHS intends a five-year grant period of performance with incremental funding to build a nuclear detection program in each eligible high risk UASI area. Within each UASI region, eligible participants include state or local units of government, interstate or intrastate government entities, or special government districts (including the UASI Working Groups and Councils of Government) who will work with governmental entities serving jurisdictions within the UASI region.

The project proposal narrative must include an assessment of current regional capability as well as Letters of Commitment from all participants/ jurisdictions. Regional buy-in by executive level officials is critical.