What is the "Metrics Project"?

The Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and numerous other agencies have initiated a resource and capabilities inventory and assessment effort known as the "Metrics Project". This project is part of a nationwide effort to locate and standardize, to the extent possible, the categories of resources that are most frequently "Typed" and utilized during large-scale events requiring mutual-aid.

The Metrics Project will:

Develop and implement an easy to use, cost efficient tool that can be used for planning, locating and evaluating the sufficiency of key emergency response assets associated within all mission areas. Equipment capabilities are an important part of any capability assessment and gap analysis. This will allow the Bay Area UASI to more effectively target limited grant funding and enhance the ability to manage resources by having a current understanding of the quantity, quality, and location of key resources.

The Metrics Project is based on a web portal utilizing Goggle Maps as a geospatial platform Metrics is also based on the 17 California Emergency Functions "EF".

Metrics can also be viewed, saved and used as an Excel database. This intern can also be used to update and complement existing response related resource directories.

What is the benefit to my Agency?

Metrics enables users to locate, view, and update key resource asset information within relevant communities of interest while utilizing a distributive workflow process with a short learning curve, easy to maintain and no cost to the local agencies. Use of the Metrics database could become a base requirement for any agency requesting UASI funding.

How much does Metrics cost and how will it be funded?

Metrics has been funded through CalEMA and the Bay Area UASI.
There is no licensing or maintenance cost to individual agencies. The Bay Area UASI owns the intellectual rights and program code for the Metrics Project.

Who will maintain the database / information?
G4GlobalTech has been the database and application contractor for this project. The city of Cupertino has been the fiscal agent for the G4GlobalTech contract. The success of Metrics Project is in part dependent on a distributive workflow, which means that the only information that your agency needs to maintain is your piece of the pie

How secure is the information?
The Project Manager and Op-Area-Administrators control viewing and editing privileges much like the Digital Sandbox.
The web-site code utilizes the same security codes as banks and other financial institutions. There are other systems in place to control sensitive information.

What happens when the Internet goes down?
Information can be viewed and saved in as an Excel spread sheet, which does not require the Internet.

Is anybody else using the Program?
Yes. The National Guard is utilizing this system.

Is there any information already populated in the program?
Yes, The Bay Area UASI's 2008 CBRNE Capabilities Assessment and Gap Analysis served as the primary initial data set to pre-populate the Metrics Project.