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TO: UNIFIED DISASTER COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: NIMS RESOURCE INVENTORY AND DIRECTORY PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Unified Disaster Council;

1. Supports the effort to collect information to build a comprehensive database of NIMS Typed resources available in the San Diego Operational Area and,
2. Authorizes the creation of an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations to the UDC membership on the objectives, priorities and desired end state of the project. Recommended representation includes at least one representative from emergency management, fire service and law enforcement.(The ad-hoc committee will receive support from the Regional Technology Partnership staff)

BACKGROUND:

Over the last decade, the San Diego Urban Area has invested millions of dollars to build, enhance and sustain their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

This enhancement to the capabilities has included the development of specialized resources such as equipment, teams and incident management personnel. In an effort to identify the level of capability of these resources, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has developed a set of standards under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Typing program.

As these enhancements have been developed in the San Diego region, several efforts have been made to type and inventory the local resources. Those efforts include data collection by emergency managers, emergency communications centers and public safety officials. Many of these efforts are limited to the discipline that is collecting the information for their own use. These stakeholders use a variety of systems to type, track and inventory local resources. These methods are often disparate systems and do not have a method to display all types of resources.

As a result of these fragmented efforts, there is not a complete single source that all disciplines can utilize to locate, understand capabilities and provide contact information for requesting assistance.

This process is supported in the Homeland Security Grant Funding Opportunity Announcement document. The following section comes from that document.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation
Prior to allocation of any Federal preparedness awards in FY 2013, grantees must ensure and maintain adoption and implementation of NIMS.

"Emergency management and incident response activities require carefully managed resources (personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and/or supplies) to meet incident needs. Utilization of the standardized resource management concepts such as typing, inventorying, and cataloging promotes a strong national mutual aid capability needed to support delivery of core capabilities".

The key components of this project include;

1. Identify or develop the preferred database solution that can provide an inventory of NIMS Typed and local specialized resources.
2. Complete an inventory of NIMS Typed Resources and local specialized resources that are available in the San Diego Operational Area.
3. Identify or develop a user interface such as a map based viewer that can display the available resources from any device with connectivity to the internet.
4. Identify a method for maintaining an up to date database.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In order to complete this project, it is recommended that the region utilize the LR Kimball consulting services contract available through the City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security. The effort for this project can be managed through the existing UASI funding allocated to the Regional Technology Partnership investment. If additional funding is required for the project, a request will be submitted through the investment justification process.

The Regional Technology Partnership Advisory Council has reviewed this project and supports allocation of project management resources to this objective.