



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
May 12, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant/Agreement: Participation in National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a tri-party Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA), the State of California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), and the City of Sacramento regarding participation in the National Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response System.

Contact: Ed Vasques, Assistant Chief, 264-7522; Denise Pinkston-Maas, Support Services Manager, 808-1604.

Presenters: N/A

Department: Fire

Division: Special Operations

Organization No: 12001431

Description/Analysis

Issue: This report recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to renew an MOA with DHS/FEMA and Cal EMA, for participation in the National US&R Response System.

This MOA establishes the legal relationships between the DHS/FEMA, Cal EMA, and the City. This relationship allows the City to use federal funding in the form of reimbursement and preparedness funds to support the continued administration, development and maintenance of California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7) US&R Team and delineates the responsibilities of DHS/FEMA, Cal EMA and the City.

Policy Considerations: Authorizing the acceptance of this MOA for participation in the National US&R Response System is consistent with prior council decisions supporting participating in local, statewide and national disaster assistance programs.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Ongoing administrative maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

Sustainability Considerations: There are no sustainability considerations applicable to the approval of this MOA for the participation of CA TF-7 in the National US&R Response System for the purposes of DHS/FEMA US&R task force activities.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The City of Sacramento Fire Department, represents the City as the sponsoring agency of CA TF-7 US&R Team, and is responsible for managing annual cooperative agreements for the purpose of organizing, equipping, maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon FEMA activation.

This report requests the authorization of the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the recommended MOA with DHS/FEMA and Cal EMA for participation in the National US&R Response System.

See Exhibit A: "Listing of documents available for review on the City of Sacramento's web site (<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/council-agendas>) and on file with the City Clerk's Office".

Financial Considerations: This report does not require any new funding from FEMA or the City's General Fund. As the sponsoring agency, the City Of Sacramento incurs operational and deployment costs related to the CA TF-7 US&R team. Costs associated with this MOA are reimbursable by DHS/FEMA through an annual Preparedness Cooperative Agreement grant (Fund 2702). Additionally, DHS/FEMA reimburses expenses directly related to the activation of the team, for each event they are deployed, through Assistance Award/Amendments (Fund 2702).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): These agreements do not include the procurement of goods or services.

Respectfully Submitted by: Denise K. Pinkston-Mads
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Assistant Chief

Approved by: Ray S Jones
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Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 12, 2009

GRANT/AGREEMENT: PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) RESPONSE SYSTEM

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento Fire Department has been the sponsoring agency for the California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), US&R team since the inception of the Federal US&R program in the early 1990's. CA TF-7 has responded for emergency assistance to the bombing of the Federal Murrah building in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attack of the World Trade Center in New York, to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and various other events.
- B. Each year the City of Sacramento Fire Department, as the sponsoring agency, must submit an application for annual funding to receive monies to support the administrative requirements, training, equipment maintenance and/or purchases in order to ensure Task Force readiness.
- C. The US&R Team, sponsored by the City of Sacramento, consists of personnel from the City of Sacramento Fire Department and other participating agencies. The Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for maintaining adequate personnel on the US&R team. Other agencies and individuals are essential to accomplishing the task force goals including maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation.
- D. Current Memorandum of Agreement for participation as a task force in the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's National US&R Response system was last updated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 1992.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the tri-party Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) and the State of California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

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EXHIBIT A

Listing of documents available for review on the City's website and on file with the City Clerk's Office:

- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sacramento, as the Sponsoring Agency of the California Task Force Seven of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, and the Department of Homeland Security, acting through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the State of California, regarding the participation in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.