To: **Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

From: **Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager**

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Re: **Item 5: Risk Management Program, FY16 Grant Cycle**

Staff Recommendations:

No recommendation – for discussion only

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion

Discussion:

The Management Team has completed its planning for the FY16 Risk Management Cycle in partnership with jurisdictions, the NCRIC, and Haystax Technology (formerly Digital Sandbox).

Approval Authority Bylaws specify that the Approval Authority must use a risk and capability-based methodology to apply for and allocate grant funds. This is consistent with guidance from DHS that states that all levels of government must establish a foundation to justify and guide preparedness activities and investments. In addition, DHS requires all grantees to produce a Homeland Security Strategy every two years as well as a Threat Hazard Identifications and Risk Assessment (THIRA) on an annual basis. The Bay Area UASI's robust participation and work has been repeatedly acknowledged by Cal OES and FEMA as a model risk assessment process.

Some key highlights for the FY16 cycle:

- Digital Sandbox is now "Cal COP" (California Common Operating Picture)
- The measures and metrics information used to track progress on building our core capabilities will be streamlined to improve usability and ease the data collection burden
- The biennial regional capability assessment workshop will occur in May
- The Management Team will update the Bay Area Homeland Security Strategy, formerly produced by Filler Security Strategies. A consultation workshop will be held in July.
- A possible gap in services from Haystax Technology may prevent us from updating the risk-based hub funding formula this year.

Please see appendix A for the outline of the FY15 Risk Management Program.