



# Bay Area UASI Management Team Cyber Resilience Work Group 2021 Annual Plan

## I. UASI Work Group Definition

Bay Area UASI Work Groups are created by, and report to, the UASI General Manager for the purpose of making comprehensive assessments and recommendations that address risk reduction, increasing capabilities on a regional basis, vetting regional projects, and/or reviewing grant allocations.

Bay Area UASI Regional Project Managers serve as the Work Group Chair and are responsible for bringing relevant matters to the membership for input and tracking. Members of work groups participate in regional collaboration opportunities as well as provide subject matter expertise, jurisdictional perspectives, and input on project deliverables.

Subcommittees are established to ensure appropriate representatives are participating on behalf of the 14 UASI jurisdictions and their relevant partners. The subcommittee structure allows for focused communications, subject matter contributions, and regional collaboration specific to project objectives.

UASI Work Groups also serve as a forum to provide input to and track progress of National Priority Project (NPP) objectives, impacts and outcomes. National Priority Project goal areas are set annually by the Federal Department of Homeland Security. The Bay Area UASI is required to invest a specified percentage of the overall grant award to each NPP goal area. The Work Group Chair will ensure that work group members are informed of any NPP that falls in their related UASI Homeland Security Goal in order to best achieve the established impacts and outcomes set forth in the project.

## II. Cyber Resilience Work Group (CRWG) Purpose & Schedule

The Cyber Resilience Work Group (CRWG) is co-chaired by Mikyung Kim-Molina of the Bay Area UASI Management Team and Alison Yakabe of the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC). The CRWG supports the following Bay Area UASI Homeland Security Goal.

Bay Area UASI Investment #	Bay Area UASI Investment Goal Area
3	Enhance Cybersecurity ( <i>National Priority</i> )

Source: FY22 Project Proposal Guidance

The CRWG is scheduled to meet quarterly during 2021. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary. Each meeting will last no more than two hours. Between meetings, correspondence to work group members will be conducted via email from the co-chairs.

## III. National Priority Projects

The following are the National Priority Projects assigned to the CRWG for 2021.

### 1. Cyber Navigator Project – FY20 Investment #3 Enhance Cybersecurity

This project provides practical cybersecurity knowledge, support and services to local election officials. The navigators conduct assessments of local election offices, work with county IT staff to create cyber security policies, mitigate vulnerabilities discovered during the assessments, and establish cyber hygiene best practices within the elections process. This project develops cyber and physical security risk management plans, continuity of operations plans, and incident



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response plans that are in line with the NIST goals to identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from cyberattacks. The project also provides training and equipment to help implement the recommendations made by the cyber navigation process.

- 2. Identity Access Management Project – FY20 Investment #2 Enhance the Protection of Soft Targets**  
This project will enhance election security by providing expertise to support the development and implementation of software tools to enable residents with disabilities and/or access and functional needs throughout the Bay Area region to vote securely from home. Identity access management technology will be used to analyze, architect and build a modular solution to provide accessible and secure remote ballot verification, completion and submission services to people with access and functional needs throughout the Bay Area.

## IV. 2021 Activities

Through the CRWG and its active subcommittees, Bay Area jurisdictions and partners have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the following UASI investments.

***The 14 UASI jurisdictions are encouraged to make clear to the Co-Chairs their lead points of contact for participation in each of the following subcommittees and/or activities.***

- Cyber Navigator Planning Subcommittee
- Identity Access Management Planning Subcommittee
- Virtual Security Operations Center Planning Subcommittee
- Cybersecurity Training and Exercise Discussions
- National Cyber Security Review (NCSR)

## V. Coordination with the Bay Area Training and Exercise Program

The CRWG and its subcommittees will promote and participate in trainings offered by the Bay Area Training and Exercise Program (BATEP). Work group members should also share opportunities for cyber resilience trainings and exercises offered at the local, state and federal levels.

Quarterly, or as requested, the BATEP staff will provide an update to the CRWG regarding the ongoing training and exercise activities being coordinated for the Bay Area and provide an opportunity for the work group to request training or exercise services that will address an unmet need.