Date: April 21st, 2016
To: Unified Disaster Council
From: Gary Rapp, Regional CAD Interoperability Project Program Manager
Subject: Update - Unified Disaster Council – Regional CAD Interoperability Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Unified Disaster Council (UDC) review, discuss and give guidance to the RCIP Program Manager on the ongoing use of the RCIP Advisory Committee.
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BACKGROUND:

In February 2014 the UDC RCIP Advisory Committee was created due to the termination of the original contract and the loss of the RCIP Executive Committee as defined by the contract. The Advisory Committee was suggested, and implemented, with the understanding that RCIP would be a multi-disciplinary program involving Law Enforcement, Fire Agencies and other groups. With the recent bankruptcy of the original vendor (Thinkstream) the company and assets were obtained out of the bankruptcy and the new vendor is Kologic.

The ongoing agreements with Thinkstream were voided by the Bankruptcy process and we were advised that the expected permanent support was terminated as was the work on pending new projects. An interim agreement was reached with OHS to provide interim funding for support through November and the finals steps to complete Escondido Fire, but any work beyond this point will require a new contract or RFP. An additional year of funding beyond the OHS interim agreement has been approved by UASI, but only to cover support. After this the funding will be based on payments by the participating agencies and a formula is being worked out to allow for this.

As RCIP will be moving forward as a Fire Agency only project, with no multi-disciplinary requirements, the involved agencies have requested the review of management of the project. We will be meeting with the San Diego Fire Chief's Communications Section to discuss this on April 20th, but this meeting will also be held to gather guidance.

We are asking for guidance (by the participants of RCIP) as to the termination of the UDC Advisory Committee and the transfer of this roll to a Fire Agency specific group as the product itself will be limited to Fire use. This was presented to the Advisory Committee for input on April 5th and the Advisory Committee felt that control by the involved agencies was the appropriate process as long as a Law Enforcement Liaison was retained with the potential for interagency and multi-disciplinary work at a later time.

Such a move does not prevent future involvement by Law Enforcement, but rather any such move would be a new and specific contract with the ability to introduce a management process and culture appropriate to the new requirements.

Based on the input and guidance from the UDC and the San Diego Fire Chief's Communications Section we will ask for a vote by both groups in the next available meeting.

SUBMITTED BY:

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