Office of Homeland Security
UDC Approval of SDUA Initiatives – Dec 13, 2012
UAWG Charter, Regional Homeland Security Strategy and THIRA

1. <u>UAWG Charter Update</u>. All UAWG Members have accepted.

FY 12 HSGP Grant Guidance provided specific requirements and recommendations for inclusion in a region's UAWG Charter. The RTP Staff focused on the required aspects of the Grant Guidance that were directly related to the Charter. Four additions have been approved unanimously:

- Added local tribal government representation in an *advisory* role; (p. 2)

- Added the phrase "allocation of funds" to support the funding objective; (p. 4)

- Added the phrase Grant Management and "Administration" to better identify the City of San Diego (OHS) in the lead role for management and administration; (p. 4) and

- Added a modification to include submitting Charter changes to the State Administrative Agency (CalEMA) (p. 4)

2. <u>2012 SDUA Regional Homeland Security Strategy</u>. All UAWG Members have accepted. Topics for future discussion have been noted.

Following the initial presentation and distribution of the Strategy to UAWG members and subject matter experts on Nov 14, a request for inputs was issued.

- Ultimately, four drafts were created for public distribution based on input; entire UAWG distribution on three of these and one initial version created for Dec 5 Senior Review Group (SRG). Primary focus of the SRG was to better articulate distinctions between CIKR risk and natural hazard risk and how the latter can be affected by the presence or lack of the former in portraying and describing risk.

- Added language and graphic to better describe wildfire hazard and related non-CIKR casualties and destruction, and better described the role of risk to human life and damage to housing

- Added language to better capture the maritime and harbor security threats and vulnerabilities, to include terrorist and criminal activity, and tsunami and flooding response;

- Added a new organization chart reflecting roles and responsibilities for implementing and tracking the Strategy, largely based on an earlier (Feb 2011) UAWG discussion on responsibilities that was never fully implemented;

- Added 30+ tasks/actions to the *Goal & Objective implementation steps*; and

- Made updates throughout the *Status* boxes to reflect the current status of implementation steps.

3. <u>THIRA – Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment</u>. All UAWG Members have accepted. Topics for future discussion have been noted.

- First-time requirement that State governments, FEMA Regions and UASI's provide a THIRA to FEMA

(OHS will submit to CalEMA following this meeting; CalEMA will consolidate all inputs and submit to DHS).

- Specific format and template was unspecified for this initial input. Exact use of the initial THIRA has been the subject of significant discussion but little has been confirmed except the requirement to submit. FY 12 Grant Guidance directed that all grantees *shall develop and maintain* a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA). Four 'set' requirements were provided to all submitting entities to address in the THIRA:

- Identify threats and hazards of concern – *natural, technological, or human caused*.

- Give the threats and hazards context – *those of greatest concern*.

- Examine the Core Capabilities Using the Threats and Hazards – *impact is understood through the lens of core capabilities.*

- Set Capability Targets – *determine desired outcomes as a starting point*

4. The Way Ahead. Ms. Erin Mohres, DSI Director of State and Local Programs, is here today for any specific questions regarding the Risk Analysis methodology used in both the Strategy and the THIRA. OHS has asked Erin to return for a more comprehensive UDC briefing at the February 21, 2013 meeting. This process revealed that much of the risk management methodology and tools are not fully understood. OHS and LECC staffs are working closely to resolve this, and OHS will work with Holly Crawford (OES) and Mike Scott (RTP) *and* review your recent inputs to better shape this briefing and to inform UAWG members more consistently on current and near term Risk Mgmt projects, uses, and outcomes that would benefit from the UAWG's increased visibility.