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**PROPOSAL:** That the Board authorize staff to negotiate a license and other necessary agreements that would permit the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force (“Task Force”), in which DRPA is a participant; to install, operate, and maintain regional microwave systems on the premises of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Administration Building and One Port Center (“DRPA Facilities”) in connection with a federally funded homeland security project being administered by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Administration (“Project”). The microwave systems will connect dispatch centers, command centers, and emergency operation centers of Task Force partner agencies within the Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia; New Jersey counties of Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem; New Castle County Delaware, and Cecil County Maryland.

**PURPOSE:** The Project is intended to promote interoperable communications between the partnering agencies of the Task Force. The Task Force was formed for the purpose of enhancing interagency cooperation, communications, and information sharing among regional public safety and homeland security agencies in furtherance of federal, state and local security goals and initiatives. This communications connectivity will help bolster the ability of the DRPA and other partnering agencies to prevent, detect, interdict, and rapidly respond to and recover from terrorist acts and other hazardous events. The Task Force has designated Public Health Management Corporation (“PHMC”) as its financial agent in connection with the administration of the grant funds, and, therefore, PHMC will execute the proposed form of agreement in its fiduciary capacity on behalf of the Task Force.

**BACKGROUND:** Sometime in 2008, the Task Force requested access to the DRPA Facilities for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining regional microwave systems on the DRPA Facilities. In consideration of the access granted to the Task Force by the DRPA, the DRPA and other partnering agencies will be given direct communications access to one another through the regional microwave systems, and will be provided alert information relating to activity along the Delaware River and adjacent communities within the Port District.
Task Force through its financial agent PHMC proposes to install, operate and maintain the regional microwave systems at its own cost and expense, and by utilizing its own labor and materials.

As consideration for DRPA's grant of a license to install, operate, and maintain the regional microwave systems, the Task Force and PHMC propose the following license terms:

1. **License Term:** initial term of 5 years with four (4) five year options;

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Public Safety, Engineering and Bridge Operations staff have reviewed the proposal and determined that granting the Task Force access to the DRPA Facilities will not be detrimental to the interests of the DRPA and will not adversely impact the operations of the DRPA.

**SUMMARY:**

- **Amount:** N/A
- **Source of Funds:** N/A
- **Capital Project #:** N/A
- **Operating Budget:** N/A
- **Master Plan Status:** N/A
- **Other Fund Sources:** N/A
- **Duration of Contract:** 5 years, 4 five year options
- **Other Parties Involved:** Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force and PHMC
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority hereby accepts the proposal of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force and Public Health Management Corporation, in its capacity as financial agent for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force, as set forth in this summary statement and resolution and approves a long term license in favor of Public Health Management Corporation to use areas of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Administration Building and One Port Center in connection with the installation, operation and maintenance of regional microwave systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the proper officer of the Authority to negotiate a long term license agreement and any other documents required to complete the project and consistent with the intent of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chairman or Vice Chairman is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chairman and Vice Chairman are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

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