PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Board of Commissioners authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the successful vendor, selected from the DRPA RFP procurement process, for an amount not to exceed $299,250, with the project purpose being to develop a Multiple Exercise Program for the Walt Whitman Bridge (WWB) to test response capabilities. The authorization also includes $15,750 of Management and Administration funding to cover the costs of M&A services associated with this project, which will be provided by our current TSGP M&A consultant TRIAD Associates. The FY2018 PSGP Grant project funding is 75% reimbursable under the grant ($236,250) and 25% ($78,750) cost match from the DRPA general funds for an overall project amount of $315,000.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this project is to develop a Multiple Exercise Program for the Walt Whitman Bridge (WWB) which will prepare/test the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA), USCG Sector Delaware Bay, Public Safety, Federal, State, County, Regional Partners and Regional Homeland Security Departments ability to Prevent, Mitigate, and Respond to a Transportation Security Incident (TSI) on the Walt Whitman Bridge. The exercise program will test the response capabilities for responding to a Transportation Security Incident (TSI) on the Walt Whitman Bridge.

BACKGROUND: The Walt Whitman Bridge (WWB), one of 4 bridge crossings over the Delaware River that DRPA owns and operates, is a suspension bridge spanning the Delaware River from Philadelphia, PA to Gloucester City, NJ. The WWB connects two of the nation’s Strategic Defense Highway Networks (Interstates 95 and 295) and serves the Ports of Philadelphia and Camden along the Delaware River.

The Port Security Grant Program (PSPG) provides grant funding to support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities.
PSGP funds awarded for this Project Multiple Exercise Program are intended to improve port-wide maritime security risk management; enhance maritime domain awareness; support maritime security training and exercises; and to maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. PSGP investments address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) identified vulnerabilities in port security and support the prevention, protection against, response to, and recovery from attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IED) and other non-conventional weapons.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $315,000
Source of Funds: $236,250 – (75%) 2018 PSGP Grant
               $78,750 – (25%) DRPA General Fund
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: August 31, 2021
Other Parties Involved: DHS, FEMA, USCG, AMSC
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the DRPA Board of Commissioners be and hereby are authorized to enter into an agreement with the successful vendor selected from the DRPA RFP procurement process for an amount not to exceed $299,250, for the purpose of developing a Multiple Exercise Program for the Walt Whitman Bridge (WWB). The exercise program will test the response capabilities for responding to a Transportation Security Incident (TSI) on the Walt Whitman Bridge utilizing FY 2018 DHS Port Security Grant Program funding. The Grant also includes $15,750 of Management & Administration funding, services that will be provided by our current TSGP M&A consultant TRIAD Associates. The total authorization for this action is for $315,000 made up of an amount not to exceed $299,250 for the selected vendor yielded from DRPA’s RFP process to develop and exercise the plan and $15,750 to current M&A vendor TRIAD Associates to perform M&A Services, with the project funding coming from a FY2018 PSGP Grant allocated as 75% ($236,250) reimbursable grant funding and 25% ($78,750) from DRPA General Funds.

RESOLVED: 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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Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: 8/31/2021
Other Parties Involved: DHS, FEMA, USCG, AMSC