



Behavior Assessment Screening System  
Training Course For Police Officers

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**Board Budget Committee**  
**March 16, 2006**

***This action asks the Board to:***

- **Ratify a \$60,000 UASI sub-grant agreement with the D.C. Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice; and**
- **Amend the FY06 Operating Budget by \$60,000; and**
- **Approve initiation and award of a sole source contract with Protecting the Homeland Innovations, LLC because the Behavior Assessment Screening System training is the most sophisticated screening system available. It is the only screening system that assigns a numerical value to behaviors that determine the type of mitigation response.**

***Key Information for Board Consideration...***

- **The Behavior Assessment Screening System Course is the only course that integrates behavioral analysis with suitable law enforcement-level training in interview techniques, threat mitigation strategies, 4<sup>th</sup> amendment issues, strategies for confronting suicide bombers, etc.**
- **The proposed vendor, Protecting the Homeland Innovations, LLC, has trained over 2,000 police and security officials in over 50 agencies.**
- **The Behavior Assessment Screening System Course will train approximately 300 Metro Transit Police and regional law enforcement officials how to quickly recognize persons who are planning or executing a terrorist attack.**



- **The cost of the Behavior Assessment Screening System training course is 100% reimbursable by a federal 2004 Urban Areas Security Initiative subgrant.**
- **Pursuant to Board Resolution 2002-22, which authorizes the Chief of Staff to apply for federal and state grants requiring no matching funds, WMATA signed a UASI subgrant agreement with the District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice in November 2005.**
- **No receipts nor subsidy will be expended on the contract.**

***Staff Recommends that the Committee endorse and support the Behavior Assessment Screening System Training Course (B.A.S.S.) by forwarding to the full Board, for their consideration and approval, this request to:***

- **Ratify the \$60,000 non-matching U.S. Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) sub-grant agreement with the D.C. Office for Domestic Preparedness, in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice;**
- **Amend the MTPD Fiscal 2006 Operating Budget (Services) by \$60,000 to authorize UASI-reimbursable B.A.S.S. costs;**
- **Authorize initiation and award of a noncompetitive contract to Protecting the Homeland Innovations, LLC, for highly specialized B.A.S.S. training for Metro Transit Police and local police.**



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IDENTIFICATION			
MEAD ID:	99291	ACTION:	Initiate & Award
AWARD VALUE:	(Not yet awarded)	CONTRACT: (Proposed)	
FUND SOURCES: (View)	Operating Funds	CONTRACTOR:	
LAST MODIFIED:	02/15/2006		

DESCRIPTION	
SUBJECT:	Initiate and award a contract for the Behavioral Assessment Screening System(B.A.S.S.) Training.
PURPOSE:	To request Board endorsement and support of the Behavioral Assessment Screening System Training Course by granting approval: (1) to initiate and award a contract on a noncompetitive basis, for highly specialized training for Metro Transit Police and local police; (2) to ratify a \$60,000 non-matching U.S. Urban Areas Security Initiative sub-grant agreement with the D.C. Office for Domestic Preparedness, in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice; (3) to amend the MTPD Fiscal 2006 Operating Budget (Services) by \$60,000 to pay for UASI reimbursable costs to be accrued in FY06.

ORIGINATION					
INITIATOR			DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL		
PETER SEPULVEDA on 02/02/2006			Not Approved Yet		
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FINAL APPROVALS	
OFFICE	NAME/ACTION
BEMR	HAROLD BARTLETT (Not Yet Approved)
GM	GMGR CEO (Not Yet Approved)
BOARD	BOARD WMATA (Not Yet Approved)



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**NARRATIVE**

The Behavioral Assessment Screening System Course will provide approximately 300 regional law enforcement officers enhanced training on how to quickly recognize individuals who are planning or executing a terrorist attack. The course will enhance an officer's ability to observe and assess an individual's appearance and behavior (without regard to race or ethnicity), elevate reasonable suspicion (recognition), explain how to conduct brief, non-threatening, non-custodial interviews to determine if the individual is high risk or low risk, and take appropriate risk-mitigating action.

This training was devised and developed by Protecting the Homeland Innovations, LLC, after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Currently DiDomenica and his staff have trained over 2,000 police and security officials in over 50 agencies in the BASS program including:

- All Federal Air Marshals assigned to Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)
- All Massachusetts State Police officers assigned to BOS
- The entire Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Police Department
- The entire Memphis (TN) Airport Police Department
- The entire Rhode Island Airport Police Department
- 100 Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Police officers
- 100 WMATA Metro Transit Police officers
- Members of the FBI, US Capitol Police and Federal Protective Service
- 80 law enforcement officials from the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Atlanta Police Department
- Members of the New York City Police, New York State Police, New York/New Jersey Port Authority Police, Niagra Regional (NY) Airport Police, New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Transit Police, Portland (ME) Police, Chicago police, Boise (ID) Airport Police, Idaho State Police, Salt Lake City (UT) Airport Police, Utah Highway Patrol

No other vendor can provide the subject matter expertise and the technical hands on experience to WMATA in a timely manner.

Funding for this course is from a non-matching 2004 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant that was awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) to the National Capital Region (NCR). The UASI grant helps the region prepare for and respond to incidents of terrorism, and it will reimburse NCR organizations for approved preparedness training.

Pursuant to Board Resolution 2002-22, which authorizes the Chief of Staff to apply for federal and state grants that do not require non-federal match, WMATA applied for, and signed on November 16 of 2005, a UASI subgrant agreement with the District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, the ODP-appointed administrator of UASI funds for the NCR. If approved, this action will ratify the UASI subgrant application and UASI subgrant award.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

Budget: Fiscal 2006 Operating

Department: Metro Transit Police Department  
Budget Line Item: Services - Other  
Page Number: 67  
FY06 Budget: \$998,250  
Cost this Action: \$60,000  
Expenses to Date: \$729,884  
Subtotal: \$208,336  
Credit this Action: \$60,000  
Budget Remaining: \$268,336

Note: Funding from the UASI sub-grant is guaranteed through May 31, 2006.

**PRIOR APPROVALS:**

None.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS:**

DBE REQUIREMENTS - "There is no DBE goal established for this contract."

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS - Contractors will be required to comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, Revised Order No. 4.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve the ratification of the \$60,000 UASI sub-grant agreement with the D.C. Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, amend the FY06 Operating Budget by \$60,000, and approve the initiation and award of the sole source, "Behavioral Screening System Training," with Protecting the Homeland, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.