

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: June 5, 2012 **Approximate Start Time:** 1:30 pm **Approximate Length:** 30 minutes

Presentation Title: Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) Policy Committee – Clackamas County Commissioners Representation

Department: Emergency Management (CEM)

Presenters: Nancy Bush

Other Invitees: N/A

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Action Requested: Identify a County Commissioner to serve on the Policy Committee of the RDPO.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):

The RDPO model was developed in 2008, in response to a clear need to integrate and streamline existing regional preparedness structures into one strategic, regional, all-hazards organization for the Portland Urban Area (PUA) including City of Portland, Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Clark County, Washington.

The RDPO consolidates REMG (Regional Emergency Management Group) and UASI (Urban Area Securities Initiative) organizations, as well as ties into related groups such as the NW Oregon Health Preparedness Organization (HPO) and the SW Washington Region IV Homeland Security Council. RDPO focus is to also engage and partner with the private sector and utility agencies. Since 2003, UASI grant funds have delivered more than \$65 million to enhance the region's capability to prevent and reduce vulnerabilities to a range of hazards.

One of the goals of the RDPO is to engage elected leaders in preparation for shared decision making during a variety of disasters that could impact the region. This will be accomplished through a Policy Committee with representation from each of the jurisdictions listed above. The purpose of the Policy Committee is to:

- Provide political leadership to promote a unified regional vision for disaster preparedness.
- Foster effective development, adoption and implementation of regional strategies and policies.
- Endorse the Regional Strategy and priorities developed by the Steering Committee and approve funding recommendations developed by the Program Committee.
- Provide oversight of system effectiveness and attainment of strategic goals and priorities.
- Advise on budget issues as requested.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

This effort is being supported by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding, which has brought in over \$65 million into the region since 2003. As we move forward it is recognized that these dollars are being reduced, however funding is still available at this time. Participation in the RDPO is needed in order to continue to bring those dollars into Clackamas County for law and fire equipment and to enhance the EOCs in the County as well as incorporated cities.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

UASI funding is available only to the region and regional efforts. In addition, state and federal guidance is encouraging regional efforts in order for jurisdictions to respond to disasters more quickly and effectively.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

The RDPO is based on governmental participation throughout the region. The RDPO process includes elected and appointed officials from counties, incorporated cities, and representation from emergency management programs throughout the region.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Identify a member of the BCC to serve on the RDPO Policy Committee.

Option 2: Do not identify a member of the BCC to serve on the RDPO Policy Committee, which could jeopardize future federal funding from the UASI grant and leave Clackamas County without representation on a critical regional committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Option 1 – Identify a member of the BCC to serve on the RDPO Policy Committee. This will ensure Clackamas County's participation and input into policies that will affect the region during disasters.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

SUBMITTED BY:

Please sign or initial per instructions below to indicate this worksheet and any attachments have been reviewed and are ready for Board consideration.

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval _____

For information on this issue or copies of attachments, please contact Nancy Bush @ 503-655-8665

Fiscal Impact Form – Instructions

RESOURCES:

Is this item in your current work plan and budget?

YES

NO

START-UP EXPENSES AND STAFFING (if applicable):

This is not a new project / program. There are no start-up expenses.

ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES/SAVINGS AND STAFFING (If applicable):

The only on-going expense is funding to support travel.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

Clackamas County will have appropriate representation on the RDPO Policy Committee, which will provide political leadership to the region and foster effective development and implementation of regional strategies and policies for regional disasters.

COSTS & BENEFITS:

The benefit regarding cost relates to grant dollars that may be received because of Clackamas County's activity and support of the regional efforts. In addition, the residents of the County will benefit by having an emergency management system that can respond more quickly and provide support more effectively during a regional disaster.

Costs: Ongoing Costs if BCC has RDPO representation

Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL
Meetings twice a year – average 40 miles per meeting = 80 miles per year x .555 = \$44.40						\$44.40
Total Start-up Costs						\$44.40

Benefits/Savings: Benefits if BCC has RDPO representation

Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL
Grant dollars gained from UASI						Unknown
Efficient and timely response by County Emergency Operations by staff and elected officials during a regional disaster.						Unknown
Total Start-up Benefit/Savings						
Ongoing Annual Benefit/Savings						