

Domestic Nuclear Detection Office

Securing the Cities Program

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Conference Call Guidance

- This is an operator assisted call, that means:
 - Most participants will be in a listen only mode during the call
 - Hold questions until the end, Operator will manage the question process
 - Participant list & all questions and answers will be posted on Grants.gov two days after this call
- Introductions
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STC Mission, Goals, and Objectives

Mission

Reduce the risk of a successful deployment of a radiological/nuclear (R/N) weapon against a major metropolitan area in the United States by establishing sustainable capability within Global Nuclear Detection Architecture (GNDA) partner agencies to detect, analyze, and report nuclear and other radioactive materials out of regulatory control within their jurisdictions.



Goals

- Enhance regional capabilities to detect, analyze, report, and interdict nuclear and other radioactive materials out of regulatory control
- Coordination STC partners in their roles defined by the GNDA
- Encourage participants to sustain their R/N detection program over time



Objectives

- Assist State, local, and tribal governments in developing local nuclear detection capabilities
- Establish information connectivity among deployed detection systems to support alarm adjudication
- Establish administrative infrastructure to support a nuclear detection program
- Establish coordination mechanisms between GNDA partners for routine daily operations and focused/stepped up deployments



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Five Year Implementation Plan

Phase I (Years One to Three)

- Year One: Planning, organization, and analysis activities; planning for sustainment activities; initiate implementation plan
- Years Two and Three: Procure equipment and conduct training; plan and execute exercises
 - Initial operating capability
 - State and local immediate requirements

Phase II (Years Four and Five)

- Procure additional equipment; continue conducting training and exercises with an emphasis on Federal integration; implement self-sustainment plans
 - Leverage developed local capability to support national priorities
 - Develop enhanced detection, analysis, communication, and coordination

Phase III (After Year Five)

- Facilitate sustainment through alarm adjudication, training, exercise and SME support
- Not directly funded by DNDO



STC Funding Model

- DHS issues a competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) requiring submission of one coordinated regional application
 - Requires concurrence of major regional jurisdictions and results in a regional plan
 - Funding awarded to a lead agency and is leveraged by regional partners
 - Centralized procurement ensures standard equipment
- DHS envisions selecting up to three (3) regions under this announcement where each selected region will partner with DHS over a five-year period of performance
 - The first selected region will begin work immediately and will receive \$3.5M in direct funding
 - The other two selected regions may be awarded in subsequent fiscal years without further competition based upon determination by the Selection Authority
 - There will not be another NOFO issued until the three selectees have begun implementation
- Continued assistance is subject to funds availability and awardee's compliance with requirements of the cooperative agreement
- Each selected region is eligible for up to \$30M over five years



STC Builds Capability

Capability = Equipment + Training/Exercises + Protocols

- Equipment – Detection and Communications
- Training and Exercises - Proficiency
- Protocols - Procedures
 - Information Exchange
 - Governance
 - Operations & Regional Coordination
 - Sustainment



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STC Implementations

- STC NYC & Jersey City/Newark
 - First funded in 2007
 - Two distinct UASIs came together for one implementation
 - Currently in Phase III – Sustainment
- STC Los Angeles/Long Beach
 - Beginning of national program in 2012
 - Repeatable model to be used in subsequent implementations
 - Currently in Phase I – Initial Operating Capability
- STC National Capital Region
 - Began in 2014
 - Currently in Phase I – Initial Operating Capability
- Future Implementations



Regional Approach

- DHS expects one fully coordinated application per region
- DHS envisions three levels of participants
 - Lead Agency (Applicant)
 - Principal Partners (should ideally be eight to twelve)
 - Sub-partners (represented by principal partners)
- Eligible lead agencies (applicant) include government entities residing within the FEMA defined UASI region
 - Eligible lead agencies include law enforcement, first response, emergency management agencies, mayor's office, UASI working group, or Council of Governments
 - Interstate and state agencies who support the UASI region may be a principal partner; however, they may not serve as lead agency (applicant)



Cooperative Agreement

- Financial assistance will be in the form of a Cooperative Agreement vice an outright grant
- Cooperative Agreements allow for substantial Federal involvement
 - DHS & recipient collaborate or jointly participate
 - Highly prescriptive DHS requirements prior to and after award
 - Exclusive regional coordination between local STC program office and STC Federal program office
- Cooperative Agreements also allow for funds to be restricted until required conditions are met



Letters of Commitment/MOUs

- Letters of commitment or MOUs must be supplied with the application
- Upon award, signed MOUs between the lead agency and principal partners are required that specifically address this program
- Signed MOUs trigger the release of funds and are expected to be in place within six months of award



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Webinar/Questions

- An application Webinar is scheduled for **April 28, 2015 at 1 PM EDT**
- This Webinar is to provide technical assistance so the applicants can assemble and submit an application that is fully responsive to ALL requirements
- All participants will receive the Webinar information via e-mail
- Questions and answers from today will be posted on Grants.gov as well as this brief
- I would now like to open up the line for questions





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