

# Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Executive Committee

## Report of The Hampton Roads Urban Area Working Group

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# The Need – Multiple Grants Ending

- Multiple Federally funded, multi-year regional grant programs are coming to an end.
  - Program grants have been used for planning, port security, communication and mass care.
  - Represent approximately \$80 million in cumulative Federal investments since 9-11.
  - Have included investments in rolling stock and equipment with limited service life and a need for annual maintenance and replacement.
- Multiple regional Emergency Planning Organizations, created for various programs over time,
  - Have caused an unintended duplication of effort requiring 286 risk management meetings annually costing approximately \$2.1M and 34K personnel hours.
  - Create an opportunity to enhance efficiency and effectiveness through consolidation.
- A consolidated, regionally focused emergency management planning organization will build resiliency and benefit all Hampton Roads communities.

# The Solution – Consolidate Programs

- A consolidation of all grant programs under one Regional Emergency Management organization is recommended.
- A consolidated program would
  - Preserve Federal investments
  - Be a conduit for future grants and financial resources
  - Continue to promote planning and coordination among Local, State and Federal officials and agencies.
  - Enhance response and recovery following disaster events

# The Recommendation

- We respectfully request permission to bring back to the Executive Committee a strategy to achieve consolidation
- This recommendation will include:
  - A proposed scope of the organization mission
  - A proposed charter and bylaws and concept of operations
  - Inclusion of outside organizations (for jurisdictions outside the HRPDC and other non-profit and private sector interests)
  - Annual sustainment costs and recommended funding mechanisms
- Organization scope and mission will include:
  - Strong stakeholder representation and input
  - Demonstrated relationship to the Commonwealth's Emergency Response System
  - Flexibility to respond to changing needs and risks
- The proposed delivery date to the HRPDC Executive Committee will be no later than October 2014

# Questions and Discussion