

FY14Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Form

Instructions: You will not be able to save your project in the middle of entering the information. Once you have submitted the form, it is saved and you will not be able to go back and make changes to the project.

One suggestion is to use the Word document. You can fill in the information you need to at your own pace and come back to the website at a later time and copy/paste the information you entered in your Word document into the online form.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The project coordinator is the person that you would like us to contact in regard to this project.

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Please select the most relevant investment category:

Fusion / Intel

Project Title: Regional Fusion Analyst Project

Identify if this project is a New Capability or an Existing Capability (Dropdown) Existing

Does this Investment require new construction or renovation, retrofitting, or modification of existing structures? No

Percentage of funding for the project that supports maintenance and sustenance of the National Preparedness Goal's core capabilities:

100%

Progress made (percentage) towards completing this project at the time of application:

50%

Percentage of Equipment to be purchased that contributes to a Tier I or Tier II NIMS-typed resource. Refer to www.fema.gov/resource-management for the various resource definitions

0%

Percentage of Training to be purchased that contributes to a Tier I or Tier II NIMS-typed resource. Refer to www.fema.gov/resource-management for the various resource definitions.

0%

Time period for completion of project

Choose a time period from the dropdown menu:

1-4 Months

5-8 Months

9-12 Months

13-16 Months

17-20 Months

Project Management Step involved:

Choose only one.

[Drop down list] Initiate, Plan, Execute, Control, Close Out

Describe the project and the activities that will be implemented; include information about building or sustaining NIMS Typed Resources (i.e. Team, Training, or Equipment) as applicable. Not to exceed 2500 characters, including spaces

This project will provide the North Central Texas Fusion Center (NCTFC) continued analytical capability by extending the funding to employ a mid-level intelligence analyst and two entry-level intelligence analysts (3 positions) for a period of 12 months. This project will provide continued staffing for the existing North Central Texas Fusion Center (NCTFC), a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated fusion center. The NCTFC has been operational since February of 2006 and analysts provide tactical intelligence analysis to regional, state, and federal partners, incorporates numerous state of the art analytical tools, and facilitates the preparation/distribution of bulletins, requests for information (RFI), and other analytical products. The NCTFC also provides intelligence-led, all-hazards, strategic and tactical threat prevention and mitigation capabilities that enhance the security of the region's citizens. In order to facilitate the exchange of information in the North Central Texas region, the Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) Network was created as a force multiplier for law enforcement and first responder agencies. The goal of this program is to produce an environment that will strengthen information gathering, the sharing of timely intelligence, and the enhancement of multi-jurisdictional partnerships. The network was developed in an effort to provide participants an effective means of sharing information related to local, regional, national, and global criminal threats, suspicious activity, and large scale incidents. The FLO Network integrates participants into a regional system of resources through a process of combining local fire and law enforcement agencies, emergency management, public health, federal and state partners, and key private organizations into

an effective and sustainable two-way flow of information. Participants will be responsible for communicating all crimes/all hazards information from their organization to the NCTFC and other regional partners. This network will work to ensure that vital disciplines participate in the fusion process and serve as the conduit through which homeland security and crime related information flows to the fusion center for assessment, analysis, and dissemination. The network also serves that the vehicle to carry actionable intelligence from the national level and regional fusion centers to field personnel throughout the state and region.

The response to the next three (3) sections should be consistent with the region's (1) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA); (2) State Preparedness Report; and (3) Texas Homeland Security Strategic Implementation Plan.

If this is a multi-jurisdictional project please list all participating jurisdictions. Not to exceed 1000 characters, including spaces

Collin County. Dallas County. Denton County. Ellis County. Erath County. Hood County. Hunt County. Johnson County. Kaufman County. Navarro County. Palo Pinto County. Park County. Rockwell County. Somerville County. Tarrant County. Wise County.

Provide an explanation on the regional impact of this project. Not to exceed 1500 characters, including spaces

With additional Intelligence Personnel the North Central Fusions Center will increase its ability to efficiently gather, process, and convert information into reliable, accurate intelligence that is clear and comprehensible. The additional intelligence personnel will enable the north Central Fusion center to deliver eleven times more intelligence to the US Department of Homeland Security, as well as Federal, State and Local law enforcement officials. This intelligence information will be in a form that decision makers can utilize to make educated decisions in order to supply accurate and useable information to those in charge of National Security as well as State and Local officials. The increase in intelligence derived from additional personnel will assist State and Local law enforcement in deterring and identifying hostile activities by foreign powers, organizations, persons and their agents; criminal groups such as Transnational criminal organizations, include those that traffic drugs and pose a threat to the United States and those criminal groups that provide weapons, hard currency, and other support to insurgents and violent criminal factions; and foreign intelligence activities directed against the United States, Texas and the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Explain the long-term approach to sustaining the capabilities developed by this project. Not to exceed 1500 characters, including spaces

Sustainability will be accomplished through continued engagement with regional partners and multiple Fusion Liaison Officer Network courses each year. The target audience for each class will incorporate participants from a variety of regional partners, including federal, state, and local law enforcement, transportation agencies, corrections personnel, fire/rescue, emergency management, public health staff, military, critical infrastructure/key resources entities, and private stakeholders.

The long-term goal is to integrate all sectors of public safety into the process of enhancing regional intelligence and information sharing, gathering, and analysis. Continued use of the Fusion Liaison Officer Network will provide the foundation necessary to ensure timely revisions of regional information needs, dissemination of intelligence products, and a holistic approach to addressing capability gaps throughout North Central Texas. Annual training efforts will be utilized to help maintain interaction and analytical growth between the NCTFC and all regional stakeholders. The North Central Texas Fusion Center has an Executive Advisory Board, consisting of 33 local, state, and federal executives of fire, law enforcement, public health, and emergency management agencies in the North Central Texas region. The Executive Advisory Board will make recommendations about funding solutions to sustain staffing on the NCTFC upon the expiration of grant funding eligibility.

Describe existing capability levels and prior homeland security funded projects that address the identified goals/objectives and what will be in place to support the Investment prior to the use of FY 2014 funds. List any major milestones, purchases, and training that has already been started or completed. Not to exceed 1500 characters, including spaces. The response to the next three (3) sections should be consistent with the region's (1) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA); (2) State Preparedness Report; and (3) Texas Homeland Security Strategic Implementation Plan.

The NCTFC has received prior homeland security funded projects, including staffing for an analyst and two research specialists from FY11 and FY13 UASI funding. In addition, the NCTFC has used grant funding to build capabilities, including 78 databases in IBM Coplink, i2 Analyst Notebook, and Savannah. The NCTFC 2013 Baseline Capability Assessment Score was 96.4. The National Network average score was 91.7.

Describe the threats and hazards that create the need for the project: The NCTCOG THIRA has identified eight (8) threats/hazards that are of concern for the region. This includes natural disasters such as tornado, snow and ice storms, flooding, and wildfires, technological hazards such as a dam or levee failure and hazardous materials incidents, and human caused threats such as terrorism and disease outbreak. The North Central Texas region has experienced many of these threats/hazards recently such as the April 3, 2012 tornadoes, the snow/ice storm during Super Bowl 45, and wildfires in 2011 and 2012.

The spectrum of accidental, intentional, and natural hazard risks for the North Central Texas metropolitan area is very broad. For example, the Dallas-Fort Worth area is an attractive terrorist target because it is densely populated (over 6.5 million total population), has high-profile infrastructure, and serves as home to many major corporations. Additionally, it is a comparatively easy terrorist target as a consequence of the relative ease of border crossings including the growing number of Middle Eastern radicals and fund-raising groups moving into the area. In a recent ranking of the state homeland security risk, the Department of Homeland Security ranked Texas as having the second highest threat risk in the nation. The majority of those second-place rating factors are associated with the North Central Texas urban area. Dallas has one of the highest crime rates in the United States and is the leading center for movement of drugs from Mexico into the Eastern U.S. A large percentage of the illegal aliens crossing the Texas border with Mexico, come to- or through- the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) area. All hazards associated risks also arise from severe weather along

“tornado alley” (the northern border area of Texas); the large quantity of hazardous materials in and passing through the area; the aging dam infrastructure; and the potential for infectious disease epidemics due to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and an unusually large human migration that naturally flows thru the area. The “regional understanding” of the threats and hazards faced by this area are greatly influenced the design and the urgency for the need of this regional Fusion Network investment request. The influence on the design for this regional plan is evidenced in the all-hazard, multi-jurisdiction, multi-discipline approach of the solution and its emphasis on prevention while still providing support to early warning, response, operations, and investigations.

The capability gap which will be addressed by the project:Not to exceed 1500 characters, including spaces

Fusion Centers undergo an annual Baseline Capabilities Assessment by DHS. This assessment evaluates each fusion center’s capabilities, called Critical Operational Capabilities (COCs). These COC’s are Receive, Analyze, Disseminate, and Gather. This project will support each of these COC’s for the NCTFC and Dallas Fusion Center.

How will the project reduce the capability gap:Not to exceed 1500 characters, including spaces

This project will address the following fusion center capabilities by providing staffing:

COC 1 Receive: This project will increase the amount of intelligence information that local law enforcement will receive.

COC 2 Analyze: This project will increase the amount of intelligence information that fusion centers will be able to analyze.

COC 3 Disseminate: This project will increase the amount of intelligence information that fusion centers will be able to disseminate to local law enforcement.

COC 4 Gather: This project will improve the ability of fusion centers to gather locally-generated information, aggregate it, analyze it, and share it with federal partners as appropriate.

Choose the Goal, Objective, and Priority Action associated with this proposal.

What capability gap will this proposal address regarding the State Strategy?

(The form includes an outline with the state goals, objectives and priority actions)

Goal 1. Prevent terrorist attacks in Texas and prevent criminal enterprises from operating successfully in Texas.

Objective1.1 Expand and Enhance the Statewide Intelligence Capability that Reduces the Threat of Terrorism and Violent Criminal Organizations.

Priority Action 1.1.2. Expand and enhance multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional fusion capabilities throughout the state.

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Priority Action 1.1.3. Employ the Texas Fusion Center and regional fusion centers to integrate homeland security-related information and intelligence across all agencies, jurisdictions and disciplines in Texas.

What capability gap will this proposal address regarding the UASI Strategy?

Choose the Goal, Objective, and Implementation Step associated with this proposal.

(The form includes an outline with the UASI Strategy goals, objectives and priority actions)

Goal 5. Enhance Intelligence and Information Sharing, Gathering, and Analysis

Objective 5.1. Expand and enhance regional intelligence capability and collaboration in accordance with DHS/DOJ Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers.

Priority Action 5.1.1. Development and implement fusion center processes, information requirements, plans and procedures (to include but not limit to Civil Rights/Civil Liberties and Privacy Policy) that upholds the Constitution of the United States, federal regulations, state laws and the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) Privacy Guidelines.

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Priority Action 5.1.6. Formalize center protocols for the intake, passage, analysis and dissemination of information with fusion system partners to include state, federal and private sector.

Check if this project is for law enforcement. YES

Check if this project supports a fusion center. YES

Check if this project supports a NIMS Typed Resource (i.e. Team, Training, or Equipment). NO

Check if this project supports a NIMS-typed resource.

If Yes,

Category: <http://www.fema.gov/resource-management> - list under **Credentialing Job Titles**

Resource: Fill in the blank (ex: EOD, SWAT, Public Safety Dive Team, etc.)

Team Type: Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, or Type 4

Enter the amount of funding for each category (UASI Funding).

Enter decimal numbers only, no characters (dollar signs, commas), do not put N/A, only numbers.

Planning

Organization

Equipment

Training

Exercise

M/A*

Total [Calculated]

Enter the amount of funding for each category (Law Enforcement Funding, if applicable).

\$166,804.91

Planning

Organization

Equipment:

Training

Exercise

M/A*

Total [Calculated]

You must include a specific breakdown by funding category (Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, Exercises, and M&A). Provide detailed information on exactly what the funding will be used to purchase.

Planning: (Include AEL Codes) Not to exceed 1250 characters, including spaces

Organization: (Include AEL Codes) Personnel: 2 entry-level intelligence analysts at \$45,549.59 and \$46,156.23. 1 mid-level intelligence analyst= \$72,619.09. Total cost for personnel (2 entry-level and 1 mid-level position) for 1 year is \$164,324.91.

Equipment : (Include AEL Codes - Provide Title, estimated quantity and total cost by each AEL Code)

06CC-01-CELL Phone, Cellular Three cellular telephones and service - \$2480

Provide a broad description here of equipment to be purchased.

This equipment includes three cellular telephone and corresponding service for these phones.

Training: (Include AEL Codes)Not to exceed 1250 characters, including spaces

Exercises: (Include AEL Codes)Not to exceed 1250 characters, including spaces

M&A: (Include AEL Codes)

(Maximum allowed is 5% of award total.)

\$166,804.91

Please select applicable Core Capabilities and amount of funding for each.

Intelligence and Information Sharing

List 3-5 milestones of this project, and then list the intended completion date for each milestone.

Milestones should occur throughout the project.

Milestone 1: Train 60 new Fusion Liaison Officers (FLO).

Intended Start Date: 06/01/2014

Intended Milestone Completion Date: 12/31/2015

Milestone 2: Entry Level Analysts: Draft at least 12 short papers, reports, or sections of larger reports on intelligence topics. 600 database checks, and 200 Terrorist Screening Center encounters.

Intended Milestone Completion Date: 12/01/2014

Milestone 3: Entry Level Analysts: Draft at least 12 short papers, reports, or sections of larger reports on intelligence topics. 600 database checks, and 200 Terrorist Screening Center encounters.

Intended Milestone Completion Date: 06/01/2015

Milestone 4: Train 60 new Fusion Liaison Officers (FLO).

Intended Milestone Completion Date: 06/01/2015

Milestone 5: Not to exceed 300 characters, including spaces

Intended Milestone/Project Completion Date: Must be in MM/DD/YYYY format

List specific performance outputs and outcome measures that will indicate this proposal is successful at the end of the FY2014 HSGP performance period and explain the long-term approach to sustaining the capabilities developed by this project. Not to exceed 2500 characters, including spaces

This project will provide staffing to train 120 Fusion Liaison Officers for the North Central Texas region during the performance period. In addition, this staffing project will provide case support for local law enforcement, including 400 Terrorist Screening Center encounters, suspicious activity reporting

under NSI, at least 24 short papers, reports, or sections of larger reports on intelligence topics and requests for information, including 1200 database checks.

Disclaimer: I certify, by checking this box, that the information provided in this submission is accurate to the best of my knowledge. By checking this box, I am indicating that I am authorized to submit this project by my governing body. I also understand this project proposal serves as a request for consideration for grant funding; and, there is not a guarantee of award by submitting this request. I understand that if this project is funded I will complete all necessary actions listed in the grant sub-recipient agreement and special terms and conditions. I also understand that any variation to an approved project must be submitted through the formal change request process. Additionally, the change must be authorized by the UASI Executive Committee and should a change request be denied, funds can be reallocated to another project or jurisdiction.

By accepting DFWA UASI funds, your jurisdiction agrees to abide by the UASI Strategy. In addition, response to data calls and performance milestones may be required.