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Dear Director Abramson,

I am writing on behalf of the Capital Region UAWG to inform you of our consensual agreement on the allocation and expenditures of the SHSP/LETPP FY 2022 Award. The Albany-Schenectady-Troy urban area will continue to use a collaborative approach in furtherance of the federal and NYS priorities as outlined in the program guidance. All of our agencies are aware of the critical importance of improving the security of our citizens and keeping them safe. We are also focused on building our capabilities to help mitigate acts of terrorism . For the SHSP 2022 award we intend to make investments in several areas. This includes equipment such as MDT(s), CBRNE detection, scanning equipment, portable radios, surveillance cameras, digital print scanners, and vehicle LPR(s) among others. We will also focus investments to help educate, train, and promote awareness of threats to our citizens. Further, we will utilize award funds to assist in the protection of critical infrastructure and large-scale public events. Accordingly, we have agreed and believe the following investments are best suited for the SHSP 2022 award:

Schenectady County $272,829.00 : Schenectady County will require one contract will DHSES under under SHSP/SLETPP. Schenectady will make investments in the following areas: $55,000.00 to enhance information & intelligence sharing by the purchase of a Faro 3D scanner to provide 3D mapping capabilities; Protect soft targets/ key infrastructure $ 14,295.00 to add bullet-resistant glass at the 911 center; Combat domestic terrorism $60,000.00 to purchase deployable surveillance cameras able to be mounted on a trailer; enhance community preparedness $9,295.00 to purchase educational and advertising material to inform the public ; $6,000.00 for EOC/EMO supplies; $3,239.00 health preparedness to replace Cyanokits ; and $155,000.00 to support emergency management/health preparedness for personnel salary and fringe benefits.

City of Schenectady $203,670.00: The City will require one contract with DHSES under SHSP/SLETPP. This funding will be used to support 2 national priority areas: 1) intelligence sharing and 2) community preparedness & resilience. $198,670.00 will be used to replace a portion of the SPD in car video system with new Axon Fleet 3 cameras/ALPRS. This will be shared with the Capital Region Crime Center. SPD will also invest $5,000.00 to support the "See Something Say Something" program. These materials will be distributed during community meetings.

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The City of Troy $154,378.00: Troy will require one contract with DHSES under SHSP/SLETPP.
Troy will use $108,062.00 of their award for their interoperable radio project, $9263.00 on mobile computing
for cybersecurity investments, $18,526.00 om digital signage to help deter domestic terrorism, $9263.00
on CBRNE detection equipment, $4632.00 on educational materials for community preparedness, and
$4632.00 on mobile computing for Intelligence & information sharing.

Rensselaer County $336,602.00 : Rensselaer County will require 2 contracts with DHSES under SHSP/
LETPP for the administration of funds. One for the Bureau of Public Safety/Dept of Health/IT for
$293,102.00 and one for the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office for $43,500.00. Bureau of Public Safety
will invest $43,601.00 in their CAD system upgrades, $59,500.00 for protection of soft targets with
purchases of detection equipment, suppression supplies, and a drone. They will also invest in community
preparedness by purchases of supplies & OCV-APP(Prepare Rensselaer Co), and support for CERT
(community response team) for $10,895.00. The Health Dept. will use $63,994.00 for salary and fringe
benefits. Rensselaer County will also invest in a cybersecurity project: $50,000.00 to upgrade network
devices and maintenance. Radio project upgrades to consoles and equipment will utilize $29,200.00 in
funding. Rensselaer County would also like to invest $35,912.00 for DLAN and I am Responding
notification software. Lastly, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office would like to invest $43,500.00 in
LPR(s) to help combat domestic violence terrorism.

Albany County $635,472.00: Albany County will require 3 separate contracts with DHSES: 1) Albany County
Department of Health $339,450.00, 2) Albany County Division of Information Services $176,022.00, and 3)
Albany County Sheriff's Office $120,000.00. The Sheriff's Office will utilize $60,000.00 for the purchase of
new license plate readers and $60,000.00 for digital print scanners. These project will support the intelligence
and information sharing priority area. The plate readers will be used help in criminal prosecutions and
investigations and support several law enforcement agencies in the area. The scanners allow for on-scene
identifications of individuals. Albany County Health Department will invest $152,166.00 in community
preparedness & resilience. This will include bi-monthly Citizen Corps meetings to recruit volunteers and help
increase community preparedness. A further investment($151,634.00) will be enhancing emergency
management & response. This will involve conducting internal trainings with public health educators and
support staff salaries, consultants, and materials. The Health Dept. will use $35,650.00 to review and
resupply the County's personal protective equipment & medical countermeasure stockpile. The Albany County
Division of Information Services would like to spend $176,022.00 to enhance cybersecurity/election
security by replacement of Palo Alto firewalls, virus protection software, and biometric software.

City of Albany $301,359.00: The City of Albany will require one contract from DHSES under SHSP/
LETPP. The City of Albany would like to purchase a SkyWatch platform($225,000.00) to help protect
soft targets and mass gatherings. Albany would also like to use $41,359.00 to fund operational overtime,
purchase portable x-ray scanning devices & tactical headsets/earphones. For combatting domestic
terrorism Albany would like to invest $35,000.00 in security bollards/perimeter protection at our
police stations.

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In conclusion the Albany-Schenectady-Troy Urban Area group believes the preceding investments will sustain and build our region's counter-terrorism posture and support the SHSP mandates and national priority areas. The region is continually improving upon our capabilities to connect and share critical intelligence through many avenues including interconnected CAD/RMS software, video, radio, and license plate reader technologies. We are also rebuilding medical and personal protective equipment stockpiles that were used during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of our personnel and citizens. Several of our projects are focused on enhancing cybersecurity and safeguarding our networks. We are further committed to projects that support and build our capacity to detect, deter, and mitigate acts of terrorism directed against critical infrastructure and mass public gatherings. The region also continues to direct investments in planning and exercises to promote the training and abilities of our personnel to respond to all hazard types. On behalf of the Capital Region Urban area group , we thank-you for your consideration of our applications, and the continued support of the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Joseph Carnevali
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