



Key Messages November 2015

Message #1 We are currently implementing 11 regional preparedness projects with a value of just over \$1 million in funds from UASI FY2014 and RDPO contributing partners' contributions.

Spotlight on Five Projects (deadline for deliverables is circa February 2016):

- **Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System (RMACS) Development:** following the development of a concept of operations in 2014, a regional task force, working with a contractor, is now in the process of forming the Regional MAC Group and its support organization and strengthening the existing Health-Medical (H-M) MAC Group, H-M MACG Support Organization, and Incident Management Teams. Next phase of this initiative is funded under UASI FY2015. The Regional MACS Concept of Operations can be found on the RDPO website at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/rdpo/article/494280>.
- **Emergency Management Program Disability, Access and Functional Needs Compliance Assessment:** the project task force is about to hire a contractor who will assess the emergency management programs of the City of Portland and Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah, and Washington Counties in regard to meeting the needs of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in preparation for and during major emergencies and disasters. The contractor will provide recommendations for program enhancements in these and other areas: notification/warning, sheltering, evacuation and transportation. (This \$106,000 project is funded under both UASI'14 and '15, with additional funds provided by Metro.)
- **Regional Disaster Debris Management Planning:** with funding from UASI FY2014 and Metro, this project has hired a contractor to design and deliver two (2) planning workshops and an exercise planning meeting to engage regional stakeholders on debris generating scenarios of increasing complexity that test regional planning and operational assumptions. A next phase of this initiative is expected to be developed.
- **Regionalization of the Public Health and Hospital Preparedness Programs:** RDPO has contributed \$31,550 towards the cost of a contractor to help public health and health system partners within and just outside our region develop a governance, program, funding and staffing model – i.e., one regional health preparedness organization – that integrates the Hospital Preparedness Program (and NW Oregon Health Preparedness Organization), county Public Health emergency preparedness programs, and the Cities Readiness Initiative.
- **Long-Term Care Facilities Disaster Preparedness Assessment:** this is the first phase of a longer term initiative to define the preparedness needs and gaps in a relatively unexplored segment of our population - facilities and providers who care for some of our most vulnerable populations. The focus of this project will be on Long Term Care (LTC) facilities, including nursing facilities, assisted living and residential care facilities, hospice facilities and care homes. One or more follow-on phases to address gaps is expected.

Message #2: By early 2016, the RDPO will begin implementing around two dozen approved projects valued at \$3 million with funding from UASI FY2015 and RDPO contributing partners' contributions.

Spotlight on Five Projects (period of implementation 2016 - 2017):

- **Regional Water System Interconnections Study (RWSI) Update:** The Regional Water Providers Consortium, an RDPO member, completed a regional water system interconnections study in 2010. The project created an ArcGIS geodatabase of regional water system facilities including water system interconnections and a pipe system overlay. This update will: 1) identify critical water supply and distribution points as recommended in the Oregon Resilience Plan; and 2) rate interconnections for their level resiliency. At the conclusion of the update the water providers will participate in a table top exercise.
- **Trauma Surge Plan Training:** The purpose of the Trauma Surge Plan and training is to prepare non-trauma hospitals to receive and hold trauma patients in the event of a mass trauma that overwhelms the normal day-to-day trauma system operations. Project components include: 1) designing, developing, and maintaining a website designated for medical surge resources; 2) stakeholder training (using American College of Surgeons (ACS), Disaster Management & Emergency Preparedness (DMEP) courses); and 3) delivering the Trauma Surge Plan and video to 17 RDPO/UASI Region hospitals and hospitals throughout the State of Oregon.
- **Disaster Sanitation Planning:** the project will hire a contractor to support a multi-discipline regional task force in developing preliminary strategies for disposing of solid human waste if/when sewer infrastructure is not functional, due to earthquake, terrorism, or other natural disaster causes.
- **Text-to-911 Public Education:** 911 Center/Public Safety Answering Points in the Portland Metropolitan Region are in the process of transitioning to accepting texts, photos and video feeds from the public. To complement this process, the RDPO is funding the Portland Dispatch Centers Consortium (A.K.A., RDPO Public Safety Communications Work Group) to develop public service announcements and other messaging to educate the public on how to use these new communication features.
- **Regional Mapping and Enhanced Earthquake Impact Analysis:** The project will fund Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to complete comprehensive earthquake mapping and impact analysis of the Region using LiDAR technology. LiDAR is a robust tool for fault mapping in densely vegetated regions, as it allows vegetative cover to be virtually stripped away, yielding high-resolution topographic information about the ground surface beneath the forest canopy. The result: improved ability to estimate damages to buildings and infrastructure located in an earthquake hazard zone.

Message #3: Work Groups and the Program Committee are in the process of developing project concepts to ‘fill the RDPO Project’s pipeline.’

- The pipeline is a tool the RDPO uses to encourage work groups and the Program Committee to develop and present to the Steering Committee a portfolio of project concepts well in advance of the anticipated next UASI Grant application (circa April 2016). The RDPO also expects to have around \$78,000 in local partner contributions to allocate to new projects once the pipeline begins to be filled in the next four-six months (no later than March 2016).

Message #4: the RDPO is in the initial stages of conducting strategic planning for the period 2017 – 2021.

- The RDPO’s current strategic priorities document expires at the end of 2016. The RDPO will use the next year to complete the 2017-2021 strategic plan, engaging all levels of the organization and key external partners. The process has commenced with the development of a list of areas for the RDPO to explore. The preliminary list includes such items as cyber-security, resilience (using the Oregon Resilience Plan as a point of departure), key areas of disaster debris planning, and mass care and sheltering. The Steering Committee commenced the strategic visioning process in October 2015. More to come on the process in the next couple of months.