RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303947

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A PREPAREDNESS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,038,179 FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEMA, DISASTER OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE (DHS/FEMA) FOR SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT AS SPONSORING AGENCY FOR CA-TF8 IN THE NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, in February 1992, Resolution No. 279396 authorized San Diego Fire-Rescue Department [SDFD] to participate as a Sponsoring Agency for California Task Force 8 [CA-TF8] in the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] National Urban Search and Rescue [US&R] Response System; and

WHEREAS, US&R is a nationwide network of task forces, designed to perform search and rescue operations at major catastrophic disasters at the direction of Department of Homeland Security/FEMA [DHS/FEMA], and

WHEREAS, CA-TF8 has been deployed to such incidents as the World Trade Center destruction and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, CA-TF8 includes team members from participating agencies county-wide; and

WHEREAS, SDFD manages task force activities which include search, rescue, medical and technical functions and the Sponsoring Agency, SDFD coordinates training, maintains the personnel rosters and supply/equipment cache in a constant state of readiness for deployment and ensures the efficient and timely deployment of the task force when activated by DHS/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of this program in 1992, program management costs, as well as supply/equipment/maintenance/training costs, have been funded by continuing agreements with DHS/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the awards are made available annually and require annual application. The most recent Disaster Preparedness agreement award of \$1,038,179 will be applied to program management, training, equipment and maintenance costs for the period from May 2008 through August 2009; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching requirements attached to this Preparedness Cooperative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in the event of activation, the personnel and non-personnel costs resulting from the task force deployment are reimbursed to the City of San Diego by DHS/FEMA via a claim reimbursement process, distinct from the agreement; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to accept a Preparedness Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$1,038,179 from DHS/FEMA Disaster Operations Directorate for San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as Sponsoring Agency for CA-TF8 in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to apply annually for the next 5 years (through FY 2013) to DHS/FEMA enabling San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to continue as Sponsoring Agency for CA-TF8 in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, including any amendments, extensions, augmentations or renewals of funding from DHS/FEMA.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to accept, appropriate and expend funds from this Preparedness Cooperative Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, that the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to establish a special fund for this Preparedness Cooperative Agreement program, and future US&R Preparedness Cooperative Agreements.

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