



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of March 14, 2009**

**DATE:** February 19, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Approval for Arlington to participate as a sub-grantee in the Data Exchange Hub (DEH) Grant Funding Program to create a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) interface framework.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the County's participation in the Data Exchange Hub Grant Funding Program, as a sub-grantee.

**ISSUES:** This action would enable Arlington County to be a participant as a sub-grantee in a regional grant. No issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** Arlington is a participating jurisdiction in a CAD-to-CAD interface project with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County. The funding for the project is provided by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) under a Virginia Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant. This grant is administered by Fairfax County on behalf of the participating jurisdictions, including reporting and disbursements of the grant funds. As a participant in the project, Arlington County is responsible for developing a contract with Tiburon (CAD vendor) for services related to integration between the DEH and Arlington's CAD system. Any payments required under the contract will be paid directly to Tiburon from Fairfax County out of the grant funds.

**BACKGROUND:** Arlington County is a participant in an interoperability project designed to create a CAD-to-CAD interface between Arlington County, City of Alexandria and Fairfax County. The purpose of this interface is to reduce the response times of Fire/EMS units responding on mutual aid calls for service. This would be accomplished by providing actual (real time) availability of Fire/EMS units from surrounding jurisdictions for mutual aid response.

**DISCUSSION:** Participation by Arlington County as a subgrantee in the DEH Grant Funding Program will address and fund the following priorities:

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: John J. Brown, Jr., Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management

- Reduce response times for emergency mutual aid calls for service.
- Increase reliability of the (real time) availability status of available units.
- Better coordination of mutual response resources during regional events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No County funds are required in FY 2009 and FY 2010. Grant funding will cover all expenses related to installation and maintenance of the new Data Exchange Hub program. For the two year grant period Fairfax County will be responsible for direct payments to the vendor as the regional grant coordinator. In FY 2011 however, it is anticipated that there will be at least \$35,000 in annual contractual maintenance costs to Tiburon, Inc. to support the CAD-to-CAD interface system.