Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) Meeting
Transportation Council Room
May 4, 2023 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Opening Remarks

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Notes
- November 2022
- February 2023

Business Item
- Removal of Wildland Fire from Being an Approved Working Group
- Approval of New Scoring Process, Criteria, and Priorities

Discussion Items
- New REPAC Rotation Process
- Grant Dashboard & Project Update
- GY24 Timeline
- Solar Eclipse Planning Discussion
- Legislative Update

Upcoming Events
EPPC Meeting
Texas Emergency Management Conference – Fort Worth
National Homeland Security Conference – Chicago

NCTCOG Updates

Committee/Public Comment

Adjournment

Useful Links
Regional Emergency Management Portal
Upcoming Regional Training & Exercises
Upcoming Meeting Calendar

Next Meeting:
August 3, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
NCTCOG
Transportation Council Room
Notes

Opening Remarks

Roll Call

Approval of Notes from Last Meeting

- **Motion:** Randall Gurney made a motion to approve the August 2022 REPAC meeting notes, Meredith Nurge 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

Business Items

- **Fort Worth DVE Extension Request**
  - Heidi Yaple with the City of Fort Worth presented an Extension Request for their 2021 SHSP DVE Fusion Center Analyst Position to September 30, 2023 due to staffing changes and confusions within the City.
  - **Motion:** Randy Renois made a motion to approve the DVE extension of the performance period for Fort Worth, Randall Gurney 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

- **Voting on Carve Out Projects**
  - Maribel Martinez presented the Regional Planning Project for $465,000 no including the 5% M&A.
    - $405,000 Staffing & Fringe
    - $20,500 COG Travel
    - $10,000 Listservs and Computer Software
    - $5,500 Office Supplies & Printing
    - $5,000 Cell Phone & MiFi
    - $19,000 Meeting Spaces
  - **Motion:** Meredith Nurge made a motion to approve the Carve Out Projects, Rodney Smith 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

- **Voting on Scoring Criteria**
  - Nexus to Terrorism: Establishes correlation to terrorism preparedness and/or prevention
  - Regional in Scope: Benefits region as whole vs. few or one jurisdiction
  - Ongoing Sustainment: One-time or sustained by sub-grantee vs. continued SHSP funding
  - Capability Gap: Need identified in exercise, real world event, and/or THIRA/SPR
  - Reasonable Budget: Amount requested aligns with project
  - Overall Quality: Assessment of project
  - **Motion:** Chase Wheeler made a motion to accept the GY23 Scoring Guidelines and Criteria, Thomas Griffith 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

- **THIRA / SPR / RIP Approval by Chairs**
  - Seeking approval for REPAC Chairs to approve the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR), and Regional Implementation Plan (RIP) on behalf of REPAC.
  - **Motion:** Chase Wheeler made a motion to for the REPAC Chairs to approve the THIRA/SPR/RIP before submitting to the OOG, Randy Renois 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

- **REPAC Handbook Updates & SME Transitions**
  - Transition of REPAC Subject Matter Expert seats to Formal REPAC Working Group representatives over the next 3 cycles.
• REPAC will receive a copy of the REPAC Handbook updates once finalized.
• SME seats will be in rotation.
• SME’s must meet to qualify for their grant funds.
• SME seats are transitioning to Working Group representatives.
• Wildland Fire will possibly disband due to lack of participation.

  • **Motion:** Michael Baldwin made a motion to approve the REPAC Handbook Updates & SME Transitions, Randall Gurney 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

**Discussion Items**

- **GY20 & GY21 Close-out**
  - Changes to De-obligations / Reallocation
  - The state will not allow extensions on planning projects even if it is for equipment. It is not certain the State will grant an extension.
  - Need to let COG staff know immediately if you run in to problems.

- **GY22 Project Update**
  - Received $1.5 million in October 2022
  - Some approved projects include:
    - Interop – Regional Interoperable Communications Plan
    - PWERT – Will receive trailers
    - Hazmat – 7 Day Decon Kits (NEFDA, DFW Airport, Denton, Plano, Richardson, Irving & Arlington)
    - SWAT – 3 Communication Headset Projects (DFW Airport, Garland, & Prosper)
    - EOD – 4 Unknown Detection Device (NERT, Garland, DFW Airport, & Plano)

- **National Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)**
  - Must be completed by your Chief Cybersecurity Officer
  - Takes approximately 4 hours to complete
  - Due by – February 28, 2023
  - You can spend on projects, but no reimbursements will be made until this document is complete and the OOG removes the hold on the grant project.

- **GY23 Process**
  - Will begin next October.
  - We currently do not have a grant guidance, so we will go off what we had last year.
  - 30% Law Enforcement and 30% National Priorities.
  - Grant Timeline
    - EPPC is December 1. We will be discussion the EPPC Sub-committee.
    - There will be a Grant Writing Assistance workshop is on December 6.
    - Would like all the working group projects to be submitted by December 30, 2022.
    - REPAC Scoring is on January 11, 2023.
    - REPAC is February 2, 2023.
    - Tentatively projects are due in eGrants mid-February.

- **THIRA / SPR / RIP Update**
  - The final review meeting is December 13, 2022 at NCTCOG 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
  - Will have the final documents to COG staff by December 16, 2022.
  - Will be submitted by December 31, 2022.

- **2023 Meeting Dates**
  - REPAC Scoring meeting is on January 11, 2023, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. The following will be the 1st Thursday of each month 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Other Items**

- **NCTTRAC Update** – No updates
- **TDEM Update** – No updates
- **NCTCOG Update** - Emergency Preparedness websites. EM-101 went well
- **Committee / Public Comments** – Irish want to know if the working groups would like to continue to present their projects that are considered for approval.
Upcoming Events
USAR Working Group Meeting – NCTCOG  November 15, 2022
Hazmat Working Group Meeting – NCTCOG  November 17, 2022
Cyber Working Group Meeting – NCTCOG  November 17, 2022
Thanksgiving Holiday – NCTCOG Closed  November 24-27, 2022
Command and Control of Disasters – Tarrant County College NW  November 28 – December 1, 2022
Liaison Officer Course (LOFR) – Denton County  November 30 – December 1, 2022
Emergency Preparedness Planning Council - NCTCOG  December 1, 2022
REM Meeting - TBD  December 2, 2022
O-305 Course – Collin County College  December 5-9, 2022
SHSP / UASI Project Writing Assistance Day – NCTCOG  December 6, 2022
EM Working Group Meeting – NCTCOG  December 8, 2022
Logistics Section Chief Course – Coppell, TX  December 12-16, 2022
THIRA / SPR /RIP Final Planning Meeting – NCTCOG  December 13, 2022
Christmas Holiday – NCTCOG Closed  December 23 – 26, 2022

Adjournment

Resources
Meeting Notes
2023 Meeting Dates
GY23 Timeline
REPAC Handbook

Next Meeting:
February 2, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
NCTCOG
Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC)
Meeting
NCTCOG / Transportation Council Room
February 7, 2023 / 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Notes

Opening Remarks

Roll Call
Quorum was not met to vote.

Approval of Notes from Last Meeting
Quorum was not met to vote on the minutes.

Business Item
• Removal of Wildland Fire from the Approved Working Group list

Discussion Items
• Updates to SHSP Funding Allocations
  • Law Enforcement went from 30% to 35%
  • Election Security was added as a competitive National Priority Area
    • Cody Powell is looking into some possible software, security, or firewall projects that can be submitted.
  • FEMA will be holding National Priority Calls over the next few weeks
• GY23 Project Funding & Priority Update
  • Anticipated Allocation of $1.5 Million. We should know the exact amount and project fundings by June.
  • $525,000 for Law Enforcement, $135,000 for National Priorities, $975,000 for all other projects.
  • The EPPC Funding subcommittee and REPAC chairs reconvened last week to review the allocations since the anticipated amount was a lot less than we were thinking it would be.
  • Individual funding allocation lists to the working groups next week.
  • Additional Funding priorities were also reviewed, if more than anticipated funds are received.
• GY23 SHSP Grant Application AAR Meeting
  • The next AAR meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2023, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm in the Pitstick conference at COG
• Replacement of SME Seats Update
  • We will begin the SME seat replacements to working group seats this year. Nominations for the chosen working groups will open up at the May meeting.

Upcoming Events
• TDEM Technology Summit in Fort Worth next Monday and Tuesday. This is a free event.

Resources

NCTCOG Updates
• David Dixon may be reaching out to some of you for information regarding a project he is working on at UNT.

Committee/Public Comment
**Next Meeting:**
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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Tentative REPAC Timeline GY 24

**May**
5/4 - REPAC Meeting (include voting on scoring process, criteria, and priorities, timeline announced)
5/18 - EPPC Meeting

**August**
All Month - Working Groups meet to determine projects
8/1 - Send previous year projects in word templates to working groups
8/3 - REPAC Meeting (Present & vote on regional planning budget) (New REPAC members voted on)

**September**
All Month - Working Groups meet to determine projects
9/21 - EPPC Meeting (REPAC Members approved & funding committee sign up)
9/27 - Project Assistance Workshop

**October**
10/13 - Projects Due in COG Portal
10/20 - PowerPoints due to COG
10/25 - Project Packet sent out with presentation and score sheet for pre-ranking

**November**
11/1 - REPAC Scoring Meeting (Normal Quarterly Meeting) - Pitstick
11/15 - EPPC Funding Meeting
11/29 - Release Priority and Funding allocations to region

**December**
12/7 - EPPC Meeting
12/11 - Egrants Opens - Tentative

**January**
Make sure all amounts are good and no changes came from funding announcement or NOFO
Second meeting with EPPC funding if needed
February

2/1 - REPAC Meeting

2/8 - Grants Close - Tentative