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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER**

AND

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
NATIONAL PROTECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE**

ARTICLE I

PARTIES AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 (U) This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes an agreement between the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) and the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate (DHS NPPD), hereafter known as the "Parties."
- 1.2 (U) This MOA sets forth the terms and conditions under which NCTC will obtain DHS NPPD support services, supplies, and technical support as appropriate. The overall objective of this MOA is to provide NCTC with support in Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) efforts, as called for in the National Security Council's Strategy for Empowering Local Partners to Counter Violent Extremism in the United States in one of the three designated CVE Model Cities.

ARTICLE II

BACKGROUND

- 2.1 (U) The NCTC supports the National Security Council Staff's (NSCS) direction for CVE as outlined in the *2011 Strategy for Empowering Local Partners to Counter Violent Extremism in the United States* and the subsequent *Strategic Implementation Plan*. (Strategy) Under the *Strategy*, the NSCS directed departments and agencies to create a comprehensive model for preventing violent extremism domestically by building upon the collection of best-practices from cities previously studied." Additionally, the *Strategy* called for the US Government to "build government and law enforcement expertise for preventing violent extremism," and to "increase the capacity of communities to directly challenge violent extremist ideologies and narratives."
- 2.2 (U) To implement these directed efforts, NCTC is working with DHS NPPD, who has a Regional Director for Strategic Engagement in Los Angeles—one of the three named focus cities by the NSCS. DHS NPPD, who leads the Interagency Coordination Group (ICG) in Southern California for organizing CVE between federal, state, and local government and

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law enforcement partners, is developing the NSCS-directed local CVE framework. One project that has been prioritized is the development of a community-led intervention model. This intervention model would focus on bringing together federal, state, and local government and community leaders in Los Angeles to intervene and prevent violent extremist activity. Additionally, the intervention model will use existing best practices, building upon the success of other intervention models in similar community outreach efforts. NCTC, in its interagency coordination capacity has requested that community partners not only have a significant role in the model implementation, but also that implementers recommend a plan for evaluating the effectiveness of their model and that they package the model framework and lessons learned for use as training materials for other cities to implement models. Other CVE efforts to be implemented include supporting grassroots counter narrative campaigns, social media training workshops, and a CVE Symposium organized by college students.

ARTICLE III AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

- 3.1 (U) This MOA is entered into under the authority of the Economy Act of 1932, as amended (Title 31 United States Code section 1535 (a)). Consistent with the Economy Act, the NCTC ordering official makes the following determination and findings: that the use of this MOA is in the best interest of the Government, and services cannot be provided as conveniently or cheaply by a commercial enterprise.

ARTICLE IV SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 (U) DHS NPPD will:
- a. Allocate the funds to their Los Angeles Strategic Engagement office, ensuring the office obligates the funds no later than September 30, 2015 and according to the plan submitted to NCTC.
 - b. Ensure the development and delivery of a short written report to NCTC that includes:
 - How the Los Angeles Strategic Engagement office partnered with local and national community organizations, and local, state and federal agencies, to implement projects that support the *Strategy*;
 - How the Los Angeles Strategic Engagement office worked with those community organizations and government agencies, along with national organizations, to identify best practices and other proven models; and,
 - How the Los Angeles Strategic Engagement office specifically pursued an intervention model, including:
 - How the Los Angeles Strategic Engagement office has built a network of intervention participants;
 - Within the network, how expertise has been built;
 - What training has been provided to the network on CVE (e.g., how to do interventions, radicalization awareness);
 - How the local government partners have built expertise;

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- How the government plans to help institutionalize discussions of CVE in the community;
- Within the network, who is tasked with leading what part, how the network is being facilitated (e.g., through technology, information sharing), how best practices from other intervention models have been integrated, and a plan for model implementation;
- How will the model be described to the general public;
- How the model will be assessed; and,
- How the program could be a potential model for other cities, to include how the model works, key partners, and other lessons learned. This report should include sufficient information to be able to set up another model in another city.

4.2 (U) NCTC will:

- a. Transfer \$116,666.00 to DHS NPPD no later than March 30, 2015, via the most appropriate vehicle. Funding is one-year and must be obligated no later than September 30, 2015. The \$116,666.00 is to be considered a ceiling amount.
- b. Review written reports outlined above in 4.1 and provide feedback.
- c. Market the final report on model replication to other cities.
- d. Market the success of the model within the US Government in order to ensure sustainability.

ARTICLE V
FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 (U) This MOA does not result in the transfer of funds or other financial obligations between the Parties. Subsequent funding documents will provide for the transfer of funds/reimbursement under the authority of the Economy Act, Title 31 U.S. Code 1535. These agreements will set forth the procedure and timing for the transfer of funds consistent with this MOA.

ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS

- 6.1 (U) This MOA may be amended at any time by written agreement between the Parties and any modifications or amendments incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE VII
IMPLEMENTATION

- 7.1 (U) This MOA shall become binding and effective upon the last signature of the authorized representative of each Party.
- 7.2 (U) Both Parties agree that this MOA will be a one-time effort.

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ARTICLE VIII
TERMINATION AND REVIEW

- 8.1 (U) Performance of this MOA by both Parties is made in good faith and with full expectation of both Parties being able to fully comply with its terms.
- 8.2 (U) Should either Party need to terminate this agreement early, written notice will be provided to the other Party no later than 30 days prior to the requested date of termination.
- 8.3 (U) Any disagreement between the parties that may arise in connection with this MOA/MOU will be resolved solely by consultation and discussions between the parties. Should any serious disagreement arise as to the interpretation or implementation of this understanding, and such disagreement cannot be resolved by subordinate officials, the dispute shall be reduced to writing by each party and presented to senior officials within each party's organizational structure. If the disagreement cannot be settled at that level, the dispute may give rise to termination. However, in no event will either party seek any other means of arbitration, negotiation, or redress.

ARTICLE IX
POINTS OF CONTACT

9.1 (U) NCTC, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, Homeland, Cyber and CVE Group
 HCC Deputy Group Chief: [REDACTED]
 Finance POC: [REDACTED]

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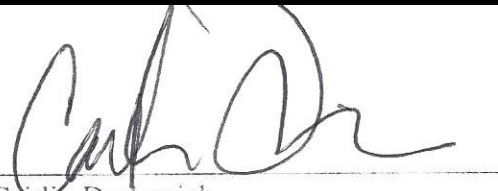
9.2 (U) DHS NPPD:
 Leadership POC: Caitlin Durkovich, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection,
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 Finance POC: [REDACTED]

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SIGNATURES:

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