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DATE: May 19, 2011

TO: MAYOR SAM ADAMS

FROM: CARMEN MERLO, DIRECTOR *CM*
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Reviewed by Bureau Liaison _____

RE: Authorize the transfer of the SFC Jerome Sears Army Reserve Center to the City to implement a west side operations center to ensure an effective emergency response on the west side of the Willamette River. (Resolution)

1. INTENDED THURSDAY FILING DATE: May 19, 2011

2. REQUESTED COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 25, 2011

3. CONTACT NAME & NUMBER: Carmen Merlo - 823-4375

4. PLACE ON: ☐ CONSENT ☒ REGULAR

5. BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT ATTACHED: ☐ Y ☐ N ☒ N/A

6. (3) ORIGINAL COPIES OF CONTRACTS APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY ATTORNEY ATTACHED: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

7. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City performed due diligence in consideration of redevelopment of the Sears Army Reserve Center site as mixed-use, mixed-income housing, and determined that the Portland Housing Bureau lacks the necessary capital funding to support said development given the equity gap requirements of the said development, commitments to other projects and recent cuts to federal funding.

The City is vulnerable to several seismic hazards (Cascadia Subduction Zone, three local crustal faults) that would inhibit the City's ability to provide timely and effective emergency response capabilities on both sides of the Willamette River should the integrity of the bridges be compromised.

Because of Portland's vulnerability to a seismic hazard, the City has a compelling public safety need for a west side operations center. This center would house fueling, public works response vehicles, Bureaus of Transportation and Water equipment, repair and maintenance services for all hazard response.

8. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No impact identified as a direct result of this appendix.

9. RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED

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