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Theresa Hunter,

The City of Virginia Beach Fire Department is requesting a 90 day extension on the 2015 Regional Fire Service Training Facilities Grant as outlined in the Statutory Authority 38.2-401 of the Code of Virginia, Page 1, Number 4.

Justification for the 90 day extension to acquire a Vehicle Fire Prop is outlined below.

1. Virginia Natural Gas has been a long-term (over ten years) and prominent supporter of the Virginia Beach Fire Department by installing, maintaining and providing all consumable resources for the natural gas manifold located at the Virginia Beach Fire Training Center. The Virginia Beach Fire Department requested the continued investment by supporting the integration of the vehicle fire prop to the existing natural gas manifold.
 - a. Currently, the department is awaiting approval for the increased use of natural material as well as installation of additional infrastructure to accommodate the vehicle fire simulator. If expansion of use and manifold is approved, Virginia Natural Gas would provide all equipment, materials and effort required to ensure safe installation and integration of the vehicle fire training prop to the existing manifold.
2. After the grant award for the vehicle fire prop, there was a transition in leadership with the Battalion Chief of Training position. As with any transition, there was a necessity for engagement and understanding the concepts of the grant program offered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and merging those concepts with City procurement processes. After the leadership transition, there was also the reassignment of Training staff offering assistance for performance specification criteria and review of the vehicle prop.

Thank you very much for your assistance and consideration with this request. Contact me at your convenience if you have concerns or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Molly B. Riley, CPPB, VCA