

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO COG SALARY RANGES
AND DEFINING POLICY FOR FUTURE SALARY RANGE ADJUSTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has established a salary structure for its employees last reviewed in 2000; and

WHEREAS, in support of COG's desire to foster human resources programs consistent with its vision of a "world class-high performance organization," the Board of Directors previously authorized staff to conduct a market-based salary study to enable COG to attract and retain high qualified staff to provide the best service to its member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, after a consultant-supported study using benchmark salary data from COG member governments, major regional councils, and other Washington area non-profit associations, COG amended its salary structure to maintain market competitiveness and ensure high quality recruitment and employee retention; and

WHEREAS, this action contained two major elements: (1) adoption of a revised salary structure for Grades 1-15 (minimum and maximum compensation for each grade), and (2) provided a two (2) percent structural adjustment for all eligible employees, effective July 1, 2005 for employees hired on or before that date; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2005 salary study, the Board authorized COG to purchase software and other administrative tools as a part of its contract that would allow COG management to conduct future annual salary studies internally, limiting future consulting cost, and allowing COG to more easily maintain a market-based salary compensation system; and

WHEREAS, a market-based salary study for 2006 has now been performed internally by COG management, using benchmark salary data from COG member governments, major regional councils, and other Washington area non-profit associations; as a result of the study COG management recommends an increase in salary ranges, but does not recommend a market rate adjustment for incumbent salaries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. Effective July 1, 2006, COG shall increase the salary ranges (minimum and maximum) for position Grades 1 through 14 by five (5) percent and Grade 15 by two (2) percent, consistent with the findings from the 2006 salary study.
2. The Employee Benefits and Review Committee is directed to develop recommended policies on management, ECBR and Board responsibilities for future salary range and/or market rate adjustments for Board action prior to July 1, 2007.
