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OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR AWARDS \$11.4 SECURITY GRANT TO THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Complex Receives \$24.2 Million

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Andy Mitchell, Director of the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness today presented the Port of Los Angeles with a symbolic check for \$11.4 million for the fifth and latest round of security funding. The Port of Long Beach also received a symbolic check for \$12.8 million.

At the ceremony, moderated by U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Peter Neffenger, Mitchell presented the checks to Noel Cunningham, Port of Los Angeles Director of Operations and Emergency Management, and Cosmo Perrone, Port of Long Beach Director of Security.

The Port Security Grant Program was designed to address key national priorities by helping to protect ports against small craft, underwater attacks and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices. The program also funds measures to enhance explosive detection capabilities aboard passenger vessels and associated facilities. Recipients were selected through a competitive peer review process using a risk-based formula weighing threat, vulnerability and consequence. Of the 36 port areas nationwide that will receive grant funding, four ports in the state of California received awards totaling \$33.6 million. Round 5 included \$142 million in grants.

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Port of Los Angeles Receives \$11.4 Million in Security Grant Funding

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The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable jobs and billions of dollars in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles. . . Anchoring a bright future.

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