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PORT OF LOS ANGELES RECEIVES \$4.6 MILLION IN ROUND SIX FEDERAL PORT SECURITY GRANTS



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The nation's number one container port received \$4.6 million in the latest round of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Port Security and Infrastructure Protection grants. A total of \$168 million was awarded nationwide in this sixth round of federal security grant funding.

The \$4.6 million in funding earmarked for the Port of Los Angeles in this latest round of security grants will be used to begin implementing Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) systems at the Port. The Port of Los Angeles, one of three port participants in a TWIC pilot program since 2003, will use the funding to procure TWIC readers and associated equipment for cargo terminals at the Port.

"Although we did not receive funding for other high-priority projects -- such as land- and water-side surveillance systems -- the funds allocated for the TWIC program will help us move forward and begin implementing an important component in the overall security of our port complex," said George Cummings, the Port's Homeland Security Director.

In this latest round, the Port applied for \$18.2 million in federal grants to fund, by order of priority, seaside virtual perimeter systems, landside virtual perimeter systems, TWIC, improvised explosive detection systems at the Port's World Cruise Center facility, and final designs for a Joint Container Inspection Facility (JCIF) on Terminal Island.

In the first six rounds of DHS Port Security grants, the Port of Los Angeles has applied for \$156.1 million in funding. With this latest round completed, the Port has received \$31.2 million to date.

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“The Port has shifted gears with regard to security planning and funding,” noted Los Angeles Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd. “Our focus is more on operations and what we can do to secure the Port – we are not waiting for grants to come in. We are focusing on the current security needs and sustenance of the programs we want to put into place. Also, the Port of Los Angeles will be involved in influencing advances designed to increase examination of the cargo within our trade lanes.”

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 259,000 jobs and \$8.4 billion 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 - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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