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WATERBORNE SECURITY BARRIER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Authorizing the expenditure of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Port Security Grant Funds, the Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved an agreement with Siemens Building Technologies for waterborne security barriers. The \$2.9 million design-build agreement includes the design, fabrication and delivery of 10,000 feet of floating security barriers.

The Port of Los Angeles is taking the lead on this joint Port of Los Angeles/Port of Long Beach project which was approved in Round 3 of the TSA's Port Security Grants. Each port will receive 5,000 feet of the waterborne barriers.

These barriers will be placed at key locations around the ports during heightened security times. They will provide protection against certain types of attacks and will form a line of demarcation.

The Port of Los Angeles has received a total of \$26.6 million in TSA Port Security Grants. To date, these grants have been used for the purchase of two SAFE harbor patrol boats, purchase of an interoperability communications vehicle, and feasibility study/design for a joint container inspection facility. Additionally, several projects have received grant funding and planning is underway for: a Port-wide camera surveillance system, Cruise Center vehicle screening system, Cruise Center perimeter security system, and Port of Los Angeles facility enhancements system.

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 regional 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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