

# Port Awarded \$1.2 M in Port Security Grants

## *Guam sea port competed nationally for funds to improve security*

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Security enhancements will be implemented at our island's commercial sea port thanks to the awarding of more than \$1 Million in federal port security grants.

The Port Authority of Guam was notified on April 8th that it will be receiving \$1,223,644.00 from its recent February 2009 submission to the Fiscal Year 2009 Port Security Grant Program. The total amount the Port requested was \$1,631,525.00. However, this grant program has a 75% - 25% cost share ratio so Guam's share is \$407,881.00. Federal law automatically waives \$200,000.00 of the cost share for all insular areas which leaves the remaining cost share of \$207,881.00. Port officials will be working with Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo to get a 100 percent waiver for the Port's cost share.

Under the division Guam competed in, the Port Authority of Guam received the second-highest award following Washington, D.C.

The funding will be used for two different projects. One project will install the Comprehensive Access Control System and TWIC Readers. The other portion of the funding will be used to purchase and install a radar/intrusion detection system for the entire Apra Harbor.

"These security enhancements will help to further modernize Guam's only sea port and protect our facility, which is the lifeline to our community," said Port General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. "Once these measures are installed, we will be able to further protect our port and the people of Guam."

The following is the Actual Investment Justifications or Projects submitted by the Port in the grant application:

- **Deployment of Access Control/Standardized Credentialing System and Acquisition of TWIC Readers (\$830,415.00):**
  - The Port Authority of Guam (PAG), in coordination with the Port Security Grant Program Working Group and endorsed by the Guam Area Maritime Security Executive Committee requested DHS funding in the amount of \$830,415.00 to deploy an access control and standardized credentialing system that is also capable of addressing the PAG's effort to implement the congressionally mandated Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) security program. This Investment will include the acquisition of all equipment (both hardware and software), materials and supplies, and maintenance expenses required to enhance the Port's MDA and IED/WMD prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities. Equally important in the implementation of this system is the ability of users to be able to maximize its full security potentials. To achieve this, training

will be conducted for all personnel directly involved in the management, operation and oversight of the system. HSEEP exercise procedures will be utilized in the development of exercise scenarios to enhance security personnel and end user capabilities.

The objective of this Investment is to fund the acquisition of a state of the art access control system that will protect, secure and deter the inappropriate or undesired user access to several PAG tenant and stakeholder facilities located throughout the entire Port community.

In addition, this Investment seeks to fund the acquisition of TSA approved TWIC readers for use in allowing authorized individuals unescorted access to secured or restricted areas within the entire Port area.

- **Acquisition and Installation of a Radar/Intrusion Detection System for the entire Apra Harbor area (\$801,110.00):**

- The Port Authority of Guam (PAG), in coordination with the PSGP Working Group and endorsed by the Guam Area Maritime Security Executive Committee requested DHS funding in the amount of \$801,110.00 to acquire and install a radar/intrusion detection system to monitor Port facilities and the entire Apra Harbor area. This Investment will include the acquisition of all equipment (both hardware and software), Contractor fees and expenses, training and maintenance expenses required to enhance the Port's MDA and IED/WMD prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities.

The implementation of this project will enable the PAG to conduct effective surveillance of both outer and inner Apra Harbor and adjacent approaches from the sea. It adds the ability to detect and identify potential Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) or conventional threats delivered by small craft and surfaced swimmers in sufficient time for timely classification and identification of the threat. This added capability allows for deliberate and measured deterrent and denial strategies to be implemented to protect critical Port infrastructure, private sector facilities, military assets and personnel that make up the Port community.

Currently there is limited capability to identify and track potential threats transiting the harbor or approaching from the sea. The project involves implementation of small-target radar designed specifically to provide timely tracking of small high speed vessels and slow moving surface swimmers; an Automatic Identification System (AIS) base station; and a chart-based command and control application that integrates the radar and AIS tracking data and provides automatic priority cueing of cameras to threat tracks and intrusion alarms.

#### **What's Next:**

Port officials are awaiting notice of a formal grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and then the Port will submit the cost breakdown of the project back to the

federal government. Upon DHS approval, the funds will be released and the Port will work with the Guam General Services Agency to begin the procurement process.