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Subj: PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – SECOND ROUND

The Captain of the Port, Huntington, WV, would like to announce that the U.S. Secretary of Transportation appropriated \$105 million to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for the Port Security Grants program, which awards competitive grants to **finance the cost of enhancing port security**.

The Port Security Grants program includes grants for security assessments and strategies for mitigating vulnerabilities and for enhancing cargo and passenger security and access control.

The Port of Huntington is considered "...A nationally important economic port responsible for a large volume of cargo movement." It is the seventh largest Port in the United States based on tonnage moved as indicated in an Army Corps of Engineers report released last year.

Enclosure (1) is TSA's Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) outlining details and application requirements for these grants. Additional information is available at: www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net. The following are key grant program deadlines:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Published	14JAN2003
Registration/Application Period Opens	14JAN2003
Registration/Application Period Ends	27FEB2003 (2PM EST)
Anticipated Awards:	MAY 2003

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Port Operations at (304) 529-5524, x2105.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. D. Stroh".

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Secretary Mineta Announces \$148 Million for Transportation Security Programs To Fund Port, Intercity Bus, Cargo Grants

As part of the Bush Administration's ongoing commitment to strengthen security throughout the nation's transportation system, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta today announced \$148 million in new transportation security grants.

Secretary Mineta said the \$148 million, made available by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), will include \$105 million in Port Security Grants, \$15 million in Intercity Bus Security Grants, and \$28 million for Operation Safe Commerce's pilot program for port security.

"The Bush Administration is committed to further securing our nation's highways, mass transit systems, railways, waterways and pipelines, each of which is critical to ensuring the freedom of mobility and economic growth," said Secretary Mineta. "These grant programs will help the

Transportation Security Administration identify critical infrastructure, provide transit personnel security training, harden our seaports, enhance vehicle tracking and driver protection and increase security throughout the supply chain."

The Port Security Grants program includes grants for security assessments and strategies for mitigating vulnerabilities and for enhancing cargo and passenger security and access control. Additional funds will be announced in the near future for port incident training to enhance prevention and response preparedness for countering terrorist incidents.

More than \$92 million in Port Security Grants has been distributed to 51 U.S. ports since June 2002.

A selection board composed of representatives from the TSA, U.S. Coast Guard and Maritime Administration (MARAD) will judge Port Security Grant applications. All grant applications are to be submitted to www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net <<http://www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net/>>. An announcement providing details about the program is being published at the same site, as well as in FedBizOpps, <<http://fedbizopps.gov/>>.

Intercity Bus Security Grants will enhance security for intercity bus operations by focusing on protecting the driver; monitoring and communicating with over-the-road buses; implementing and operating passenger and baggage screening programs; assessing critical security needs and vulnerabilities; and training transportation personnel to recognize and respond to criminal attacks and terrorist threats, as well as in evacuation procedures.

Preference will be given to proposals that address those priorities, although other proposals will be considered. Applications may be submitted by private and public

operators of over-the-road buses, bus associations and other associations related to the intercity bus industry. TSA is coordinating the Intercity Bus Security Grants Program with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The program will be advertised in the Federal Register and is available through the Internet at <http://www.tsa.dot.gov/> under "Business Opportunities."

Under Operation Safe Commerce, TSA today requested applications from the ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York/New Jersey and Seattle/Tacoma for pilot programs using new security techniques with the potential for increasing the security of container shipments. A notice was published in the Nov. 30, 2002 Federal Register soliciting comments on the program.

Funds for the grant programs were provided for in the Fiscal Year 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Enclosure (1)