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**New Port Security Grants Made Available**

On Tuesday, January 14, 2003, the Department of Transportation along with the U.S. Coast Guard announced an additional \$105 million for Port Security Grants and \$28 million for port security pilot programs.

These grant programs will help identify critical infrastructure, provide security training, harden our seaports, and increase security at our port facilities. 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. So far, more than \$92 million in Port Security Grants have been distributed to 51 U.S. ports since June 2002.

All applications for grants are to be submitted to [www.portsecuritygrants.dotts.net](http://www.portsecuritygrants.dotts.net). An announcement providing details about the program is published at the same site. Applications must be submitted by February 27, 2003 and grants should be made in May 2003. A selection board composed of representatives from Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) will review all Port Security Grant applications.

Local inquiries regarding this program can be made to LT. Craig Wyatt of the Port Security Department at MSO Detroit, (716) 843-9574, or via email to.

Sincerely,

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