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### **Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC) Port Security Grant Program Guidance for the Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina**

The PSIB contains important guidance to prospective grant applicants under the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) concerning the type and scope of investment justifications that are appropriate for the FY07 Supplemental (Round 7), FY08 (Round 8) and FY09 (Round 9) Port Security grants for the Port of Jacksonville, (which includes the Port of Fernandina). The Port of Jacksonville has been allocated \$1.82 million for the Round 7 Supplemental, \$ 6.0 million in Round 8, and \$5.7 million for round 9. Grant applications are now being accepted.

**Background:** In August 2007, DHS initiated a Supplemental (to Round 7) Port Security Grant program that included an entirely new way of administering Port Security Grant money. Ports, such as Jacksonville, that received grant money in this supplemental round were required to develop a Strategic Risk Management Plan (SRMP) to examine system-wide risks and mitigation measures, and suggest a strategy to guide future port security investment justifications. Part of the Round 7 Supplemental Grant money was invested under the supervision of the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) Executive Steering Board (ESB) to develop the SRMP.

The final draft of the SRMP has recently been submitted to the Executive Steering Board for review and approval. I anticipate final approval and acceptance of the SRMP in the very near future. At that point, investment justifications from individual grant applicants for the FY 07, FY 08 and FY 09 grant money will be accepted by the AMSC. This guidance is intended to assist grant applicants in the development of investment justifications consistent with the strategies outlined in the SRMP and other applicable documents.

**General Guidance:** Prospective applicants shall first be guided by the rules and guidelines established in the Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental PSGP Program and Application Guidance (August 16, 2007), Fiscal Year 2008 PSGP Program and Application Guidance (February 2008), Fiscal Year 2009 PSGP Program and Application Guidance (November 2009), as applicable. These documents are posted to the Jacksonville Marine Transportation Exchange Website ([http://jmtx.com/PS\\_Grant\\_Program.htm](http://jmtx.com/PS_Grant_Program.htm)).

General PSGP grant guidelines provided in the Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental PSGP Program and Application Guidance document are:

- Expanding emphasis on port-wide partnerships
- Regional management of risk
- Business continuity

General PSGP grant priorities provided in the Fiscal Year 2008 PSGP Program and Application Guidance document are:

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- Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness
- Enhancing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities
- Training and exercises
- Efforts supporting implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

General PSGP grant priorities provided in the Fiscal Year 2009 PSGP Program and Application Guidance document are:

- Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness
- Enhancing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities
- Training and exercises
- Efforts supporting implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

**Jacksonville Specific Guidance:** There are two separate products from our recent strategic planning effort that will assist potential applicants in developing investment justifications that are aligned with the Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina Strategic Risk Management Plan (SRMP). The first is the SRMP itself; specifically Table 8.1 in Section 8 of the plan. Table 8.1 contains 81 strategic risk management recommendations directly linked to the Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina's system-wide vulnerabilities. Each of these risk management recommendations can serve as an investment justification for a grant application. The second strategic planning document is the Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina Strategic Risk Management Project Plan (SRPP). Table 1 of this document includes investment justifications sorted by applicant type, and will be useful to potential applicants.

Because both strategic planning products are "Sensitive Security Information" (SSI), they will be posted to the SSI capable, AMSC Jacksonville Homeport Community website. If you do not already have access to the AMSC Jacksonville Homeport Community website, you will need to "Register" at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> for access. Both the full SRMP and SRMPP and Table 8.1 and Table 1 will be available at the SSI capable, AMSC Jacksonville Homeport Community website.

Both of these Documents will be used by the AMSC and FEMA when evaluating grant applications.

Based upon the findings in the SRMP, investment justifications for the FY 07 Supplemental, FY 08 and FY 09 PSGP should be focused on system-wide solutions or solutions that are focused on individual system components but can be networked to develop system-wide solutions. Networked sensors, common communication systems, and shared awareness solutions are all strongly aligned with the recommendations of the SRMP. For this reason it may be beneficial for individual grant applicants to coordinate with other port stakeholders to ensure security solutions at each port terminal, facility, intermodal yard or other infrastructure site are compatible with or contribute to the system-wide network. Ideally, Maritime Transportation System stakeholders will work together to identify system-wide solutions, collaborate on grant applications, share costs and produce meaningful improvements to our overall security posture.

Some specific initiatives highlighted in the SRMP include:

- Awareness
  - Port worker training to improve recognition of threats
  - Common communications system to enhance sharing of critical information. This could include mass notification system within the confines of a specific terminal are is compatible with a port-wide mass notification system.

- Networked sensors or system for sharing existing sensors feeds.
- Target Hardness
  - TWIC implementation or accommodation measures, including physical changes to access points required to maintain better control.
  - Enhanced perimeter and buffer zone protection, particularly when coordinated with neighboring terminals or facilities, to include those not regulated under MTSA.
  - Security upgrade for port facilities not regulated under MTSA but vital to port operations (Pilots, Harbor Tug, etc)
  - Underwater surveillance and detection
  - Surveillance/protection of critical intermodal nodes (railhead, truck depots, etc)
- Plans and Assessments
  - Resumption of trade and continuity of operations planning
  - Buffer Zone and Vulnerability assessments

More information about the Port Security Program Grant Program can be found at <http://www.grants.gov/>.

**Please note, Deadlines and application processes** referenced in PSGP Round 7 Supplemental, Round 8, and Round 9 Guidance and Application Kits **DO NOT** apply to potential grant applicants in the Ports of Jacksonville.

The dates and deadlines for prospective grant applicants to begin submitting PSGP Round 7 Supplemental, Round 8, and Round 9 grant applications to the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) Port Level Executive Steering Board will be announced before the end of November 2008. The application window will be 30 days.

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