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Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Guidance for Port Canaveral

This PSIB contains important guidance to prospective grant applicants for the submission of investment justifications (IJ) under the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

Possible Change to Application Process: FEMA recently announced a change to the application process that will affect port stakeholders interested in requesting FY 2011 PSGP funding. In previous PSGP rounds (FY 2007 Sup – FY 2010), FEMA's procedures permitted the Fiduciary Agent (FA) to apply for the entire amount of the award on or prior to the application deadline *without* submitting Investment Justification's (IJ's) and budgets. After the FA applied for the award, additional time was allotted for port stakeholders to complete and submit IJ's to the FA, for the facilitation of the field review, and for the FA to compile and submit individual and consolidated IJ's and budgets to FEMA.

FEMA has stated the new application process will require FA's to submit port stakeholder IJ's *along with* the FA's application for the FY 2011 award. If this change is implemented, port stakeholders should be prepared to complete and submit IJ's and budgets to the FA soon after the FY 2011 application date is announced. This change would indicate that FY 2011 funds will be "use it or lose it" funds. If IJ's are not submitted at the time of award application, those funds will most likely be reprogrammed.

PSGP Funding Available: The Federal Government is currently being funded under a Continuing Resolution through March 4, 2011. FEMA is unable to open the application period until a budget is approved. Targeted allocations for FY 2011 have not been announced.

Matching Requirement: FEMA is unable to determine at this time whether Congress will waive the 25 percent matching requirement. Some indications suggest that the FY 2011 award will be 100 percent federally funded.

Application Submission Procedures: Due to the lack of available details associated with the FY 2011 award, Investment Justifications (IJ's) are not requested at this time. However, FEMA's proposed application procedures suggest ports need to prepare now to take advantage of funding. It is necessary to move forward at this time to identify and prioritize port security initiatives that would be undertaken so Port Canaveral is prepared once FEMA opens the application period.

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It is requested that port stakeholders interested in obtaining FY 2011 PSGP funding e-mail project descriptions and estimated costs to the FA by March 1, 2011.

E-mail: canaveral.psgpfa@gmail.com and include the following information:

- Brief Project description
- Estimation of Project cost

Once the FY11 PSGP allocations are announced and an application date is established, the FA will prompt prospective applicants to complete IJ's, budgets and environmental forms as required. Forms and instructions are located on the Port Canaveral website at: <http://www.portcanaveral.com/general/grants.php>

FY 2011 Guidance: FEMA is working to finalize the PSGP FY 2011 guidance and is planning to release preliminary program guidance as soon as possible. Until this time, please refer to the FY10 Guidance located on the Port Canaveral website for project eligibility and selection criteria.

Applicant Eligibility: 46 U.S.C. §70107 states that all entities covered by an Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) may submit an application for consideration of funding. Within that broad group, the following entities in Port Canaveral are specifically encouraged to apply:

- Owners or operators of federally regulated terminals, facilities, US inspected passenger vessels as defined in the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 101, 104, 105, and 106.
- Port authorities or other State and local agencies required to provide security services to eligible MTSA regulated entities pursuant to an AMSP or a facility or vessel security plan.

FMSC Port Security Grant Program Priorities: Refer to CG Sector Jacksonville Port Security Information Bulletin 02-10, "Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC) Port Security Grant Program Guidance for Port Canaveral". PSIB 02-10 is available on the CG Sector Jacksonville HOMEPORT port directory website. <http://homeport.uscg.mil>

Grant Application Support: During the application period, the FA, AMSC Executive Secretary, and other subject matter experts will be available for cooperative dialogue with potential applicants. This cooperative dialogue is intended to ensure a common understanding of the funding priorities and administrative requirements associated with the PSGP and to help in submission of projects that will have the highest impact on reducing risks for the port.

Application Review/Approval Process: Once the application deadline is announced, the FA will establish deadlines for submission of completed Investment Justifications, budgets and environmental forms as required. IJ's will then be forwarded to the Captain of the Port and the Area Maritime Security Committee for a risk-based field review. After the field review, the FA will submit a final consolidated list of IJ's, budgets and all project application forms to FEMA for approval.

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