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PORT AWARDED \$12.8 MILLION FOR SECURITY

Funds for Improved Communications, Undersea Surveillance

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The Port of Long Beach has been awarded \$12.8 million by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to fund critical communications and undersea surveillance systems. The Port is spending \$4.2 million of its own funds on these projects in cost sharing required of ports awarded security grants.

“We are committed to protecting the public, and these funds will help with vitally needed projects to improve security,” said Long Beach Harbor Commission President Doris Topsy-Elvord. “We thank our Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald and Congressman Dana Rohrabacher for their commitment to the security of the Port complex. With their help, we have now received more than \$32 million in security grants in the last three years.”

The funds were awarded this week as part of nearly \$142 million in the fifth and latest round of awards under the federal Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

The latest funds will go toward a new fiber optic data transfer and interoperability network that will allow the Port of Long Beach’s security team to quickly exchange essential information with the Port of Los Angeles including images from surveillance cameras. Funds also will support fixed and mobile undersea surveillance systems.

“The projects represent major upgrades to our ability to guard the port, and to work together with our colleagues at the Port of Los Angeles,” said Port of Long Beach Security Director Cosmo Perrone.

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