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PORT OF GREEN BAY SECURITY INCREASES

Enrollment in new security card program is underway

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(Green Bay) – The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has started enrolling more than 300 port facility workers, longshoremen, truck drivers and other Port of Green Bay personnel in the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) security card program.

The identification card program is designed to enhance security at the nation's ports. "Port workers will have to go through comprehensive criminal, immigration and terrorist screening checks in order to get their security card," said Dean Haen, Manager for the Port of Green Bay.

The enrollment process begins with workers pre-enrolling online then scheduling an appointment with the Green Bay Center. "After port workers pass the screening process, ID cards will be issued," Haen stated. "It will take about two weeks for the ID's to come in." The security card is a biometric ID card that includes a photo, bar code and a computer chip that contains background information and fingerprints of the cardholder.

The ID cards will be required for any port personnel who have access to secure areas of maritime facilities and vessels. "The security cards are required for every port across the country and will be a universal way to identify personnel," Haen commented. "Special readers are being developed that will read each card."

The U. S. Coast Guard will be making sure that all policies and procedures of the program are implemented over the next several months. "As with any new program, I'm

sure there will be some initial issues that will need to be worked out,” Haen stated. “We will work closely with the Coast Guard and port personnel until the program is fully implemented.”

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