

**DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**  
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**DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY AWARDED HOMELAND  
SECURITY GRANT TO SECURE THE PORT OF DETROIT**

Detroit, December 11, 2003- Curtis Hertel, Executive Director of Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) announces the Port Authority was awarded \$450,000 under the Port Security Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced a total of \$179,025,900 in Port Security Grants demonstrating the Department's commitment to enhance security at our nation's key ports and facilities. The Port Authority's grant award is among 442 projects to receive funds for security enhancements. The Port Security Grant Program provides resources for security planning and projects to improve dockside and perimeter security which is vital to securing critical national seaports.

"This is a great opportunity for the Port Authority to collaborate with both the City of Detroit and Wayne County port security officials in securing our critical seaport. We will pursue more partnerships like this in order to enhance the ongoing security and economic development of Detroit and the State of Michigan," said Hertel. "This award further demonstrates the important role the Port Authority has in securing the Port of Detroit which is a key port and border crossing in the United States. We welcome these opportunities for collaboration," said Art Blackwell, DWCPA's Board Chairman.

The DWCPA submitted their grant application in collaboration with the Detroit Police Harbormaster/Marine Dive Unit, and Wayne County Sheriff, Marine Unit to acquire seven new vessels, a port security enhancement identified by the U.S. Coast Guard, Detroit. These vessels will patrol the Rouge River petroleum/chemical corridor and select sites on the Detroit River seen as high-risk, 140 square miles of water total. The addition of these security vessels will allow for 24-hour, full season patrols of these facilities, and along the narrowest portions of our navigable system by vessels moving hazardous products to and from the facilities mentioned. By not implementing these measures, current officers of the City and County, will be unable to conduct effective surveillance efforts that require water-based patrol units and subsurface investigations.

The Transportation Security Administration, the United States Coast Guard and the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration evaluated the Port Security Grant Applications and selected the grant award recipients. The latest round of grants has been awarded to 442 projects in 326 locations to 235 applicant organizations from across the nation.