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DHS AWARDS \$1.13 MILLION TO PAG

The Department of Homeland Security has awarded \$1,130,020.00 to the Port Authority of Guam under the 2008 Port Security Grant Program. The Port's grant application for interoperable communications equipment and comprehensive security surveillance system for the entire Commercial Port has been awarded in full.

The grant will fund the acquisition of Smartnet Radios and its accessories to allow interoperable communications between and amongst the PAG and its tenants and stakeholders. It will also provide instant communications with the Guam Emergency Communication System (E911) to ensure that the Port has direct connection with GovGuam, federal and military response components in the event of an emergency.

Funds will also be used to procure a comprehensive state of the art camera surveillance system that will enhance the Port's capabilities to protect its people, provide security for its critical assets and infrastructure, and deter potential man-made terrorism related activities.

"This award emphasizes the importance of a secured port. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with our tenants and stakeholders in completing the assessment, development, and submission of the Port's application. I look forward to continuing this working relationship with the Port users to accomplish our goals to modernize our facility", said Interim General Manager Carlos Salas.

The Port is developing a plan of action for the implementation of both projects.

Capt. Bill Marhoffer Commander, U.S. Coast Guard in an email to the General Manager stated "I appreciate the Port's efforts to develop sound, prioritized PSGP applications clearly tied to the national infrastructure protection priorities, the Area Maritime Security Plan, and the Port's own security vulnerability assessment and Facility Security Plan. Your staff's work made it easy for me to endorse and prioritize your applications".