FY 2017 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Talking Points:

- PSGP at the Captain of the Port (COTP) level
- Field Review Process and COTP Rankings
- Helpful Hints

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Port Security Grant Program: CG Responsibility

- 46 U.S. Code § 70107 Grants
 - (b) Eligible Costs The following costs of funding the correction of Coast Guard identified vulnerabilities in port security and ensuring compliance with Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans are eligible to be funded
 - (i) (2) Minimum Standards for Payment or Reimbursement
 - (C) A determination by the Captain of the Port that the security project addresses or corrects Coast Guard identified vulnerabilities in security and ensures compliance with Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans

Port Security Grant Program: Process at COTP Level

- Ensure the project you intend to submit meets the minimum standards by:
 - Knowing which PSGP priorities your project meets*
 - Discussing with the COTP's Port Security Specialist (PSS) responsible for PSGP
 - The more impact and bang for the buck you can convey, the better your chances will be

*FY16 PSGP Priorities:

- Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)
- Port Resilience and Recovery Capabilities
- Training and Exercises
- Cyber Security Capabilities
- IED and CBRNE prevention, protection, response, and supporting recovery capabilities
- Equipment Associated with TWIC

Port Security Grant Program: Process at COTP Level

- The NOFO goes to great lengths to set applicants up for success
 - Follow the process, ask questions (Process: FEMA, COTP level: PSS), use the forms provided in the NOFO
- Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) PSGP
 Subcommittee reviews and ranks submissions based on project effectiveness (extent to which projects address national priorities and COTP vulnerabilities)
- COTP conducts final review/rankings
- PSS submits field review to FEMA

Port Security Grant Program: Helpful Hints

- Write sound Investment Justification's (IJ)
 - Be concise but descriptive who benefits, what/where/when will project be implemented?
 - How does it address specific PSGP priorities?
 - Identify existing similar capabilities as well as the vulnerabilities being addressed
 - Explain where and how the project will be used to enhance security in your port area (maritime nexus)
 - * Also see helpful hints in the NOFO (Appendix F in FY16)

Port Security Grant Program: Competitive Program

	FY2016	FY2015	FY 2014
Appropriation	\$100 million	\$100 million	\$100 million
Total # Applications Eligible for Review	568	500	514
Total IJs Eligible for Review	1066	935	840
Total \$ Requested	\$311 million	\$328 million	\$262 million
Total # of Applications Funded	288	291	327
Total IJs Funded	471	438	482

Port Security Grant Program: Cyber Security Projects

- PSGP National Priority since FY14
- FY16: 24 cyber security projects funded at \$9.6 million (34 projects submitted, \$15.4 million requested)
- FY15: 20 cyber security projects funded at \$3.7 million (38 projects submitted, \$11.8 million requested)
- FY14: 25 cyber security projects funded at \$4.5 million.

Port Security Grant Program: Cyber Security Projects

- What makes a good cyber security project?
- Provides protection/s for the Maritime Transportation
 System
 - Enhances port security (protects automation, and/or other security measures etc.)
- Difficult to justify the port security impact of Business continuity projects
 - i.e. payroll, personally identifiable information

Questions?

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