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MTS Vision Statement

The U.S. Marine Transportation System will be the world’s most technologically advanced, safe, secure, efficient, effective, accessible, globally competitive, dynamic and environmentally responsible system for moving goods and people.

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MARINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM: CHALLENGES FOR THE 21st CENTURY

- Congested ports
- US trade doubles/triples by 2020
- 95% overseas trade by tonnage shipped by sea
- Mega-ships stress today's aging infrastructure:
  - channel depths
  - vessel traffic services (VTS)
  - berth size/design
  - intermodal linkages
- More competing interests
- National Security concerns:
  - projecting US forces
  - economic lifeline (imports/exports)
- Fragmented waterways responsibility
- Uniformity & enforcement of international standards
- Increasing Environmental Sensitivity
DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY BY REASON OF CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS

“... by virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, I hereby declare that the national emergency has existed since September 11, 2001 ...”

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH
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Basics

• $ 93.3 Million Program
• U.S. DOT Transportation Security Administration
• Award Competitive Grants to Finance Facility and Operational Enhancements
• Cooperative Effort - TSA, MARAD, Coast Guard

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Eligibility

Critical National Seaports/Terminals
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Eligibility

• A port of national economic importance that handles a large volume of cargo or products that are vital to U.S. economic interests as required for national security

• Ports or terminals responsible for movement of high volume of passengers
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Eligibility

• Controlled Port - Ports which have access controls for vessels from certain countries due to national security issues.

• One of the 13 designated "strategic ports", as designated by a Maritime Administration port planning order
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1st Category

- Security Assessments and Mitigation Strategies
  - proposed port/terminal security assessments
  - ascertain vulnerabilities and identify mitigation strategies
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2nd Category

• Enhanced Facility and Operational Security
• Including but not limited to
  – Facility Access Control
  – Physical Security
  – Cargo Security
  – Passenger Security
  – Proof of Concept Demonstration Projects
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Process

• USCG Captains of the Port
• MARAD Region Directors
• DOT HQ
  – MARAD
  – USCG
  – Transportation Security Administration

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Balance Security with Competitiveness

• Recognize Diversity of our Ports  
  – *One Size Doesn’t Fit All*
• Identify Current Security Strategies
• Develop Desired Protection Strategies
• Where are the Gaps?
• Fill the Gaps
• Do it TOGETHER
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