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ANACORTES – Port of Anacortes Receives Homeland Security Grant

The Port of Anacortes is pleased to announce the award of a \$575,155 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security. The Port applied for the grant several months ago under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Port Security Grant Program for Infrastructure Protection Activities.

U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) championed strong national funding for port security to be included in the Recovery Act. “As we work to create jobs and reinvest in Washington State, it is vital that our ports remain secure and open for business,” Senator Murray said. “With millions of containers passing through our region each year, and with thousands of good paying jobs tied to our ports, these grants are critical to ensuring that our state's ports employ the right technology and training methods to help prevent possible attacks.”

Port of Anacortes Executive Director Bob Hyde praised the work of Port Director of Operations & Facilities John Hachey and Port Engineering Office Manager & Contract Grant Administrator Teri Switalski in securing the grant for the Port, noting there was a great deal of competition for the grant funding. “John Hachey keeps close track of changing security requirements along the waterfront, and was able to quickly articulate those requirements to Teri Switalski once we were notified of the Security Grant Program. Teri Switalski is an outstanding grant writer, and her professionalism and attention to detail were key ingredients in our selection. We will now move quickly to design, and construct these important facilities on the marine terminal”

Only six Ports in Washington received funding. The Port will use the grant to fund security improvements at its Pier 2 Marine Terminal facility, including a camera surveillance system, lighting, gate improvements, a security guard house, and patrol vehicles.



About the Port of Anacortes

The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926 to promote economic development for Anacortes and the surrounding area. The Port district is led by a board of five elected commissioners: Keith Rubin, Pat D. Mooney, Ray Niver, Steve Hopley, and Bill Short. Public meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse, 1st & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA. For more information, visit www.portofanacortes.com or contact Julie Johnson Lindsey, Administrative Coordinator at julie@portofanacortes.com