Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC®) Update

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TWIC® Program: Where are we today?

- 2 million workers enrolled for the TWIC—a credential needed by all workers needing unescorted access to secure areas in the Nation's ports and Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) regulated facilities and vessels, and all Coast Guard licensed and documented mariners.

- Over 40,000 applicants failed to meet eligibility requirements—criminal, immigration, or terrorism threat issues.

- 137 TWIC enrollment centers nation-wide
  - Over the next 18 months the Universal Enrollment Services contract will expand the number of centers by approximately 50%
  - Currently one enrollment center visit is needed to enroll; and a second visit to activate and be issued the TWIC—stakeholder and Congressional interest in mailing credentials is strong, but there are many issues and risks.

- Initial enrollments began October 2007. Cards will begin to reach their 5-year expiration date next October—2012. TSA and contractor are developing a TWIC Renewal Plan—there are no known issues at this time.

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TWIC ®: Where have we been?

To ensure readers and cards function to requirements of the TWIC reader specification we have been conducting a…

- TWIC reader pilot as per the SAFE Port Act:
  - --Evaluate **technical performance** of TWIC card / biometric reader function

  - --Evaluate **operational and business process impact** of conducting biometric verification of identity in various maritime facility and vessel operating scenarios

  - --Conduct pilot in "…no fewer than **five distinct geographic locations** … to include vessels and facilities in a variety of environmental settings."

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TWIC® Pilot Sites

★ Major Test Site—with Multiple Facilities

● Single Facility Test Site

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TWIC: Where are we going?

- TWIC reader pilot concluded in May; final report to Congress is under review.

- Based on the pilot results:
  - The Coast Guard will release a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to establish reader requirements early in 2012.
  - Promulgation of a final rule anticipated in 2013.

- Continue to work with Congress and stakeholders to address issues of concern—proof of identity; mailing TWICs; need for access to secure areas; requiring readers.

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TWIC ®: Are we more secure?

- TWIC locks in identity; performs security threat assessment on that identity.

- TWIC provides a common credential; tamper-resistant; biometrics provides strong link of owner to credential.
  - With readers, revoked TWIC is immediately identified and access denied.

- TWIC applicants are "perpetually vetted" for terrorism links.

- Over 40,000 potential security risk individuals were denied access to ports, facilities, and vessels covered by MTSA.

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