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Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2014 PSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2014 PSGP is to directly support maritime transportation infrastructure security activities. The vast majority of U.S. maritime critical infrastructure is owned or operated by State, local, and private sector maritime industry partners. PSGP funds available to these entities are intended to improve port-wide maritime security risk management; enhance maritime domain awareness; support maritime security training and exercises; and to maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. PSGP investments must address U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) identified vulnerabilities in port security and support the prevention, protection against, response to, and recovery from attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IED) and other non-conventional weapons.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2014 PSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 PSGP will be \$100,000,000. For FY 2014, there are again two Port Area Group designations. Seven Port Areas were selected as Group I (highest risk) and will be allocated 60 percent of funding available. Each Group I Port Area will compete for the target funding allocation assigned to the group. The legacy Group II, III, and All Other Port Areas are combined into a single Port Grouping known as Group II, which will receive the remaining 40 percent of funds available. The amount of available funding for each group is based on the FY 2014 DHS risk analysis.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2014 PSGP funds?

All entities subject to an Area Maritime Transportation Security Plan (AMSP), as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 70103(b), may apply for PSGP funding. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to port authorities, facility operators, and State and local government agencies. By law, DHS must allocate PSGP funding based on risk. Accordingly, DHS has identified 146 critical Port Areas and based upon USCG recommendations, aggregated these Port Areas into 90 port funding areas. Eligible entities within other Port Areas covered by an area maritime security plan may also apply for PSGP funds.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2014 PSGP?

The key milestones associated with FY 2014 PSGP are:

- March 18, 2014: Release date for FY 2014 PSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement
- May 23, 2014: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the applicant organization.

5. How will the FY 2014 PSGP funds be allocated?

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6. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2013 and FY 2014?

The FY 2014 funding level for the PSGP is 7.3 percent higher than the FY 2013 level.

7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2014 PSGP?

Section 102 of the *Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002*, as amended, (Pub. L. No. 107-295) (46 U.S.C. § 70107). PSGP funding was appropriated by Congress in the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Pub. L. No. 113-76).

8. Where is the FY 2014 PSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement located?

The FY 2014 PSGP Funding Opportunity Announcement is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

9. How will the FY 2014 PSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 23, 2014. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

10. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.

For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

11. What is the FY 2014 PSGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 24 months.