

# Wilmington FIRST EAST COAST PORT to use TWIC CARD

The federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) presented Diamond State Port Corporation's Executive Director Gene Bailey with the first Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card on July 23. The Port of Wilmington, in partnership with the Maritime Exchange of the Delaware River and Bay, is the first port on the U.S. East Coast to receive the card as part of TSA's Credentialing Program.

As part of the program, TSA will issue TWIC cards to all customers, tenants and employees of the Port through the end of the year. The TWIC initiative will test different identification technologies during a 15-month pilot program. "TWIC cards will make it possible for transportation workers to carry just one form of identification to access multiple transportation facilities in the U.S.," explained Bill Boles, Port of Wilmington Security Manager. The goals of the TWIC program are to improve security, enhance commerce and protect personal privacy.

TWIC cards establish a system-wide common credential, used across all transportation modes, for all personnel requiring unescorted physical and/or logical access to secure areas of the transportation system. TWIC uses smart-card technology on a networked system that will enable more immediate communication between transportation sites in the U.S. and enhance national security.



The TWIC program is a culmination of several federal legislative mandates following the terrorist events of September 11, 2001. These mandates include the U.S. Patriot Act of 2001, the Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001, and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002.

"I am very proud to receive the first TWIC card issued here at the Port of Wilmington and the first card to be issued at a maritime port on the East Coast," said Gene Bailey. He added, "We are delighted to partner with TSA on the TWIC project, which will benefit our port community and contribute to the security of the nation's transportation system."

Other maritime facilities that will participate in the pilot program are the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River & Bay and the Packer Avenue Terminal in Philadelphia; the Beckett Street Terminal in New Jersey; and the Long Beach Port, Los Angeles Port,

APL Terminal, LBCT Terminal and Crowley Marine in California.

In the past year, the Port of Wilmington has received \$500,000 and anticipates an additional \$1.6 million from the TSA Port Security Grant Program. This grant money is being used to upgrade security at the Port, including new gatehouses that will accommodate TWIC card technology.

Other security enhancements at the Port include infrastructure improvements, a perimeter surveillance system, a Vehicle And Cargo Inspection System (VACIS), inter-coms connecting gatehouses to security personnel, oncoming gatehouse cameras for driver identification, gatehouse rear cameras for vehicle tag identification, and entrance/exit security gate arms. For more information on the TWIC program at the Port of Wilmington visit [www.PortofWilmingtonDE.com](http://www.PortofWilmingtonDE.com)