

January 8, 2009

To the Honorable
The Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Subject: Unsolicited Grant for Port of Milwaukee Security

Dear Council Members:

The attached resolution authorizes The City of Milwaukee to accept an unsolicited grant of \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation to provide fencing, lighting, video camera and general port security to improve the security measures currently in place at the Port of Milwaukee. No matching funds are required for this grant.

The Port is currently working with the U.S. Coast Guard to upgrade and improve Port security. New security measures are required pursuant to the guidelines being developed by the federal Dept. of Homeland Security. Approval of this resolution would allow the City to accept these funds for utilization in improving the Port's security pursuant to new regulations.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or need further information regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hattie E. Billingsley
Port Finance Officer

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