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TWIC WILL BE REQUIRED FOR UNESCORTED ACCESS TO ALL MPA FACILITIES – DECEMBER 1, 2008 (Transportation Worker Identification Credential)

● What is TWIC?

TWIC is a common identification credential for all personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas of MTSA-regulated facilities and vessels, and all mariners holding Coast Guard-issued credentials. **The MPA will NOT be providing escort services for non-MPA visitors. All tenants will be required to supply their own escort.** TSA will issue workers a tamper-resistant “Smart Card” containing the worker’s biometric (fingerprint template) to allow for a positive link between the card itself and the individual.

● Who needs a TWIC?

Company, vessel, and facility security officers and personnel responsible for security duties are required to obtain a TWIC. Individuals who need unescorted access to secure areas of ports, facilities, or vessels regulated by MTSA will need to obtain a TWIC.

● When and where will I be able to enroll?

Dundalk, Baltimore Enrollment Center is located at 2200 Broening Highway, Suite 220 Baltimore, MD 21224. Hours of Operation are Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 12 noon and 1 PM to 4:30 PM. To save time during enrollment, you can pre-enroll online at www.tsa.gov/twic or call 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942). After pre-enrollment, an applicant must visit an Enrollment Center to complete the enrollment process and pay the enrollment fee.

● What documentation is required for enrollment?

List A (Any 1 of list below)

- Unexpired U.S. Passport
- Unexpired Permanent Resident Card or Unexpired Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph
- Unexpired Foreign Passport with one of the following:
 - I-551 Stamp;
 - Attached INS Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization;
 - Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (I-766);
 - OR with one of the following Unexpired Visas: E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B, H-1B1, L-1, O-1, TN, M-1, C-1/D
- FAST (Free and Secure Trade) Card
- Merchant Mariner Document (MMD)

List B (need two and one must be a government-issued photo ID)

- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560, 561)
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or 570)
- Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States
- Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- Voter's Registration Card
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- U.S. Military ID or U.S. Retired Military ID
- Military Dependent's Card
- Expired U.S. Passport
- Native American Tribal Document
- U.S. Social Security Card
- U.S. Citizen Card I-197
- U.S. Military Discharge Papers DD-214
- Department of Transportation (DOT) Medical Card
- Civil Marriage Certificate
- MML (Merchant Mariner License) bearing an official raised seal, or a certified copy

● How much will the TWIC cost?

The TWIC will cost \$132.50 and the credential is valid for five years. Workers with current, comparable background checks (MML, HME, and FAST cardholders) may pay a reduced fee of \$105.25.

- **How do I check on the status of my TWIC?** To check the status of card availability and schedule a pickup appointment, visit the TWIC website at <http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov> and click on the Check Card Status/Schedule Pickup link in the left margin. Pickup appointments can also be scheduled by calling the TWIC Help Desk at 1-866-DHS-TWIC once a worker has been notified that his/her card is ready for pickup.

For more information, visit the TWIC Website at www.tsa.gov/twic or call 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942). Information may also be obtained by visiting the USCG Website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> or by calling the USCG Helpdesk at 1-877-MTSA-AID (1-877-687-2243). Additional information is now available on the new TWIC Deployment Website: twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov. This website was created to help stakeholders easily find information relating to TWIC Enrollment Center locations and hours of operation, access port-specific and generic communication materials that can be printed and distributed around the port community, and find answers to common FAQs relating to enrollment. It contains links to other important TWIC-related websites such as the TWIC Pre-Enrollment website, TSA's TWIC Program website, and USCG's Homeport website.

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