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## **BARRETT ANNOUNCES \$780K IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SECURITY AT THE PORT OF MILWAUKEE**

MILWAUKEE -- Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Milwaukee a total of \$779,044 from the Port Security Grant Program to enhance security and response capabilities of the City's Port facilities.

The Port of Milwaukee plays a role in nurturing investment in Milwaukee by stimulating trade and business and by serving as a regional transportation and distribution hub for Southeastern Wisconsin. Additionally, the Port has a major role in the local economy by providing land for businesses that need to be near the water. These businesses generate approximately \$80 million in annual revenue and employ nearly 400 people.

"The Port of Milwaukee is a world-class port that is strategically located, exceptionally maintained and unfortunately, susceptible to homeland security threats by those who wish to do harm to our borders," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "It is critical to improve security at the Port to protect its role in our local economy,"

The grant application included requests for funding to be allocated to the Port of Milwaukee, Police and Fire Departments and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to provide for an all-season maritime response and rescue capability, and to fund a full scale emergency response exercise in 2009.

This is the third time the City of Milwaukee has received grant funds of this nature. Previously, \$713,080 was allocated for the Port of Milwaukee in fiscal year 2007 and \$397,422 in fiscal year 2005 for security.