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# Press Release

## Port of Brownsville Receives Grant to Enhance Security

**Brownsville, Texas, September 3, 2010:** The Port of Brownsville recently was the recipient of a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$1,385,800.00. The Port's Board of Commissioners voted and accepted the grant during their regular monthly meeting on September 1, 2010. The grant will enhance the Port's layered security, and funds will also be used in the construction of a vehicular security entrance associated with the SH 550 toll road.

The new entrance will eventually connect with the SH 550 toll road and will include a canopy, security building, and four reinforced gates. In addition, the grant will allow for the construction of a 100'ft. vessel dock that will be used by the Port of Brownsville Police Department, United States Coast Guard, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and General Land Office. The dock will consist of 2 automatic boat lifts capable of lifting and lowering vessels and two boat slips for additional vessels. The new dock will boost Port security's response time and increase the presence of law enforcement on the water.

The grant enhances an already state of the art security system that protects tenants, employees, and the public.

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