

Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement (MOU/MOA) Requirement

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State and local agencies, as well as consortia or associations that are required to provide security services to MTSA regulated facilities pursuant to an AMSP, are eligible applicants. However, the security services provided must be addressed in the regulated entities' security plans. A copy of an MOU/MOA with the identified regulated entities will be required prior to funding, and must include an acknowledgement of the security services and roles and responsibilities of all entities involved. This information may be provided using one of the attachment fields within grants.gov.

Entities that are required to provide security services to eligible Ferry System applicants (MTSA regulated facilities) pursuant to an AMSP are eligible applicants for Operational Packages (OPacks) only. In addition, the security services provided must be addressed in the regulated entities' security plan. A copy of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between those identified entities will be required prior to funding, and must include an acknowledgement of the security services and roles and responsibilities of all entities involved. The MOU/MOA must address the following points:

- The nature of the security that the applicant agrees to supply to the regulated facility (waterside surveillance, increased screening, etc)
- The roles and responsibilities of the facility and the applicant during different MARSEC levels.
- An acknowledgement by the facility that the applicant is part of their facility security plan.

If the applicant is mentioned as a provider of security services under the port's Area Maritime Security Plan, in lieu of an MOA/MOU, written acknowledgement from the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) members, or a letter from the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator validating this status, will be acceptable. *In addition, MOA/MOUs submitted in previous PSGP award rounds will be acceptable, provided the activity covered also addresses the capability being requested through the FY 2009 PSGP.*

If applicable, the MOU/MOA for state or local law enforcement agencies and/or consortia providing layered protection to regulated entities must be submitted with the grant application as a file attachment within grants.gov.

COTP Zone Abbreviation_Port Area_Name of Applicant_MOU
(Example: Hous_Galveston_Harris County_MOU)