

## Delaware Receives More than \$155K for Cape May Ferry System between South Jersey and Delaware -- January 10, 2007

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Delaware's Congressional delegation today announced \$155,807 in federal funding from the Transit Security Grant Program under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The funding has been guaranteed to the State of Delaware for security improvements to the ferry system operated by the Delaware River-Bay Authority (DRBA) between Lewes, DE and Cape May, NJ.

"Though we've made some strides, our waterways and ports are still clearly a very vulnerable part of our transportation system," said Senator Biden. "This federal funding should go a long way toward making the Cape May Lewes Ferry - already a very popular mode of transportation, a safer mode of transportation."

"It is good to see DHS sending money to high risk ports and transit systems to address and close any vulnerabilities. This money obviously won't solve all of the problems, but it is a step in the right direction. And it is only the beginning. I look forward to more announcements like this one, so that we can continue - and accelerate - the progress we've made in implementing important security that will help keep all Americans safe," said Senator Carper.

"I would like to congratulate the Cape May Lewes Ferry system on receiving eligibility for a Transit Security Grant of \$155,807 from the Department of Homeland Security to put necessary measures in place to ensure the safety of the passengers and workers who use the ferry system," said Congressman Mike Castle. "Delaware is lucky to have the services of the Cape May Lewes Ferry and grants like these will hopefully improve the security of the residents and visitors who use the ferry to travel across the river to New Jersey."

The Transit Security Grant Program provides funding for key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measures for transit infrastructure including bus, rail and ferry systems. Nearly \$172 million in federal funds is available to be distributed across the country under the Fiscal Year 2007 Transit Security Grant Program. Upon applying to DHS for participation into the grant program, the State of Delaware will be awarded the funding and distribute it to DRBA, which oversees the Cape May Ferry System.

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