

Castle and LoBiondo Announce More Than \$155K for Cape May Ferry System Between Delaware and South Jersey -- May 11, 2007

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Delaware Congressman Mike Castle and U.S. Congressmen Frank LoBiondo (NJ-02) today announced \$155,807 in federal funding from the Transit Security Grant Program under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that has been awarded 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.

Castle and LoBiondo previously announced that this federal funding would be guaranteed for the security improvement projects on the Cape May Ferry System, but would require the State of Delaware to apply for the grant. All conditions have now been met and the State of Delaware was awarded the funding and will distribute it to DRBA, which oversees the ferry system.

"I would like to congratulate the Cape May Lewes Ferry system on receiving this important grant of \$155,807 from the Department of Homeland Security so that they have the resources to put necessary measures in place to ensure the safety of the passengers and workers who use the ferry system," said Congressman Castle. "Delaware is lucky to have the services of the Cape May Lewes Ferry and grants like these will hopefully encourage residents and visitors to feel safe while using the ferry to travel across the river to New Jersey."

"This is certainly good news in our ongoing efforts to protect those who work and ride on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry," said Congressman LoBiondo. "It is critical that we provide federal funding to protect the nation's transit system, including air, rail and ferry. I will continue to work with my Delaware Bay colleagues to ensure the infrastructure serving our communities is secure."

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.

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