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TWIC Card Issuance Is Getting Closer

The startup of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), one of the most important and overlooked government programs that affects intermodal providers, is getting closer. It now appears that the enrollment process will start in the Fall.

To date, nearly all of the activity has been behind the scenes as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the U.S. Coast Guard and their contractors such as Lockheed Martin and Deloitte Touche, put the finishing touches on the enrollment process. If your company's employees or contractors do business anywhere inside a port gate and want unescorted access, they will have to get a TWIC.

This is the right time to become familiar with the undertaking, which is so massive that a conservative estimate of 750,000 people, the equivalent to the entire population of Detroit, will have to get the card. Some experts believe that the 750,000 estimate is far too low. In this era when national security is considered by some to be as important as moving cargo, experts are sure the requirements of the program will be strictly enforced.

Because there have been so many delays since the first steps to improve security at ports began, some may think this program could be delayed still again. That is natural, since the government said in January that the program will start in 2007, and there has been no visible progress, and no ports where the enrollment process will start have been identified.

In fact, TSA officials have told reporters that the program will start in Wilmington, Delaware sometime "in the Fall."

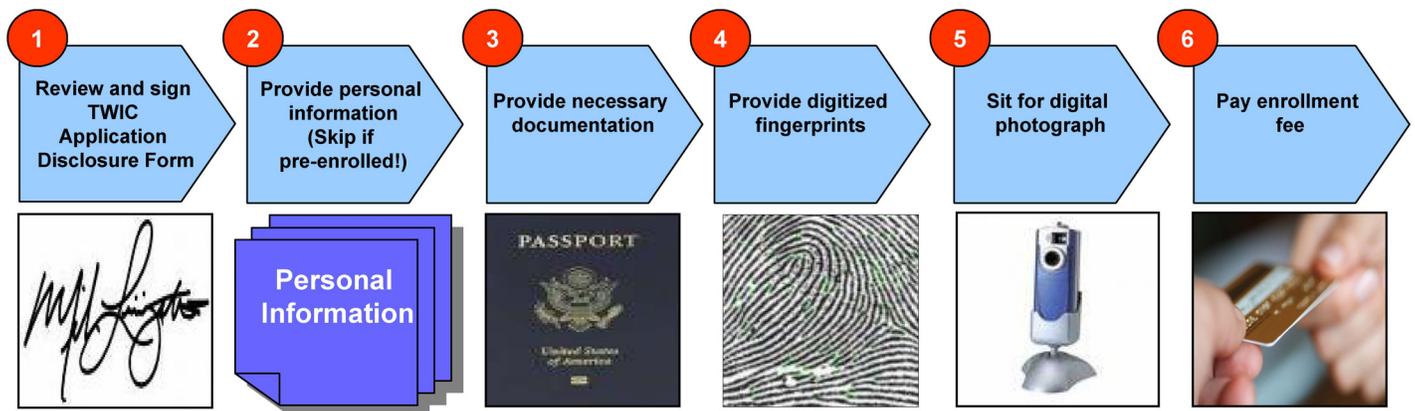
Because this process will take time, IANA wants to be certain that members know what to expect and begin to plan now, before the peak shipping season is in full swing. The first step in the process will be pre-enrollment. Click "TWIC" on the home page of the IANA Web site, www.intermodal.org. On the TWIC page, click the third bullet, "TWIC Enrollment Port Brief," for more information. Pages seven and eight detail the benefits of pre-enrollment and list the information and documents required for identification verification.

Pre-enrollment will begin soon and can be done at www.tsa.gov/twic, by calling 866-DHS-TWIC or at some enrollment centers. Basically, pre-enrollment involves providing personal information, including driver's license information, which will be kept secure. This will save time at enrollment centers. Workers won't pay until the card is issued.

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Shown below on this page is a diagram that describes how the overall enrollment process will work. IANA strongly recommends that you and your employees familiarize yourselves with this process now.

AT THE ENROLLMENT CENTER



- **Cost:**
 - A TWIC costs \$137.25 or
 - MML, HME or FAST card holders \$105.25
- **Payment:**
 - Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard)
 - Money Order
 - Certified Check
 - Employers/Organizations paying for employees may choose to pay by Corporate Check, or may issue “pre-paid” debit cards to employees
- **No Cash or Personal checks will be accepted**
- **Estimated time: 10 minutes (if pre-enrolled)**