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**PORT SEEKS BIDS ON SECURITY CAMERAS
Surveillance System Expected to Cost \$5.5 million**

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Taking another step to beef up security, the Port of Long Beach is seeking bids for a video surveillance system that would include as many as 50 cameras and cost an estimated \$5.5 million.

Targeted for completion by May 2004, the surveillance cameras would be monitored around the clock by a team of approximately nine new harbor patrol officers. The cameras would be positioned in key locations throughout the port.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the port a \$4 million grant for the surveillance system last year. The port will pay the balance of the costs, or request another federal security grant.

The monitoring system is one in a series of projects to tighten port security in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Other measures include additional patrols on land and water, restricted access to port facilities, routine Coast Guard inspections of vessels, expanded Customs inspections of cargo and stricter requirements on cargo manifest.

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