

Update – TSA Threat Assessment Programs

Trucking Security Orientation Seminar

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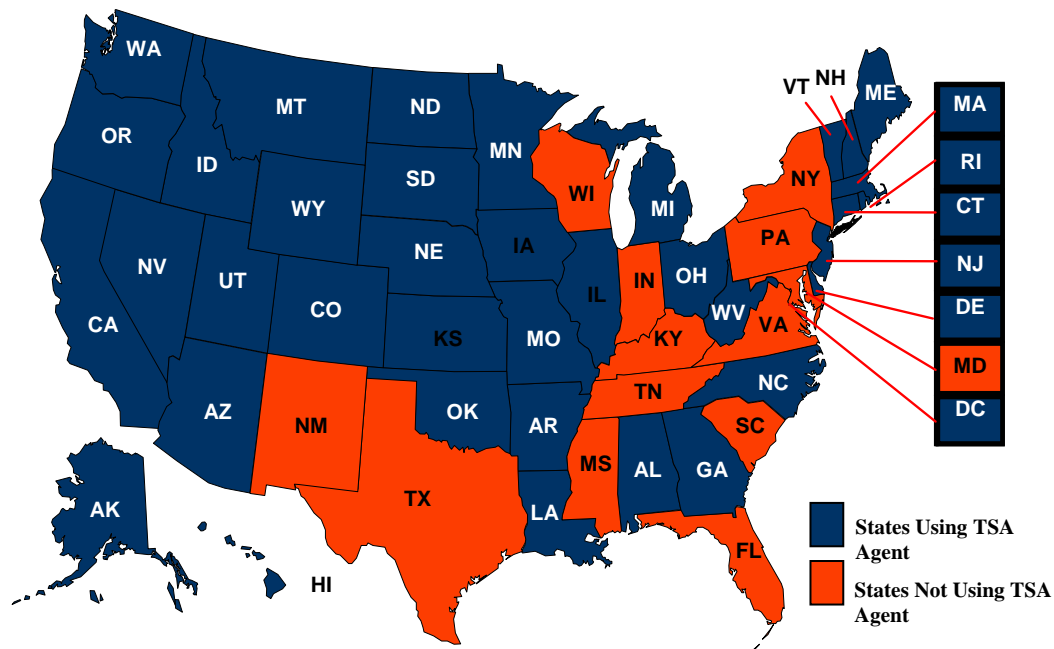
Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) Threat Assessment Program

- Meets the mandate of Section 1012 of the USA PATRIOT Act that prohibits states from issuing a license to transport hazardous materials in commerce to any individual without a determination the individual does not pose a security risk
- TSA conducts a background assessment on all drivers seeking to apply for, renew, or transfer a hazardous materials endorsement (HME) on their state-issued CDL and includes a (1) fingerprint-based FBI criminal history records check, (2) a check for ties to terrorism, and (3) immigration status check.
- Congress directed that this program be fee-based and self-sustaining and payment of the Federal fee is a requirement to undergo the TSA eligibility assessment
 - 49 CFR 1572
 - Average fee is around \$89



Collection of HME Application Information

- 37 States and the District of Columbia utilize the TSA-contracted agent (Hazprint); over 220 enrollment sites (fixed and mobile).
- 13 States collect the required biographic information and biometric data through their individually established and maintained programs.
- Drivers registered in a state serviced by the TSA Agent may be fingerprinted in any other state serviced by the TSA Agent.
- For drivers who submit applications prior to expiration of license, TSA rules allow states to renew/transfer current HME's pending results of TSA check; allowing uninterrupted use of HME until all phases of TSA check is completed and results reported to the State of license.





HME Assessment Process

Electronic process reduces errors and decreases processing time

- 89% of cases initially accomplished 5 days or less
- 91% of cases initially accomplished in 10 days or less

Robust Redress Process

- Appeal process for applicants with updated/corrected records
- Waiver process for applicants who would otherwise be disqualified
- ALJ for applicants disqualified after submission of most appeals/waivers
- Majority applicants disqualified did not take advantage of redress process

Program Snapshot

- Average Monthly Applications (2008): 25,723
- Total Applications Completed to Date (9/08/08): 971,122
- Final Disqualifications: 8,429 (< 1% of all applicants)

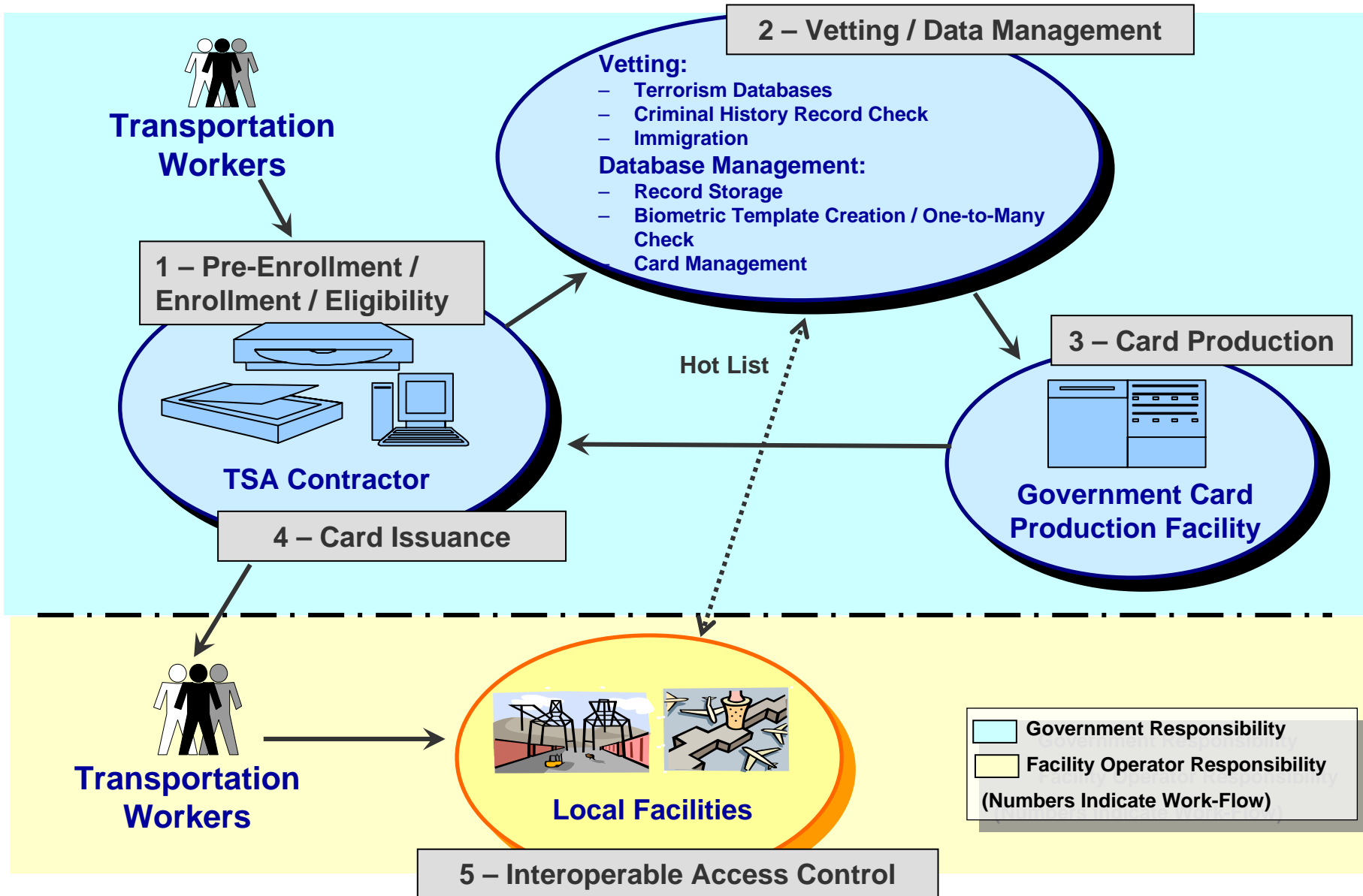


TWIC Program Overview

- Joint TSA/USCG Program
- Legislative foundation in Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and Aviation Transportation Security Act (ATSA)
- Issuance based on a comprehensive security threat assessment (terrorism, criminal, immigration)
- Fully fee-funded – user fees must cover all operating costs
 - \$132.50 for standard TWIC
 - \$105.25 with comparable STA (i.e., HME, FAST, MMD, MML)
 - \$60 replacement
- Common, consistent biometric credential used at over 3,200 facilities and on over 10,000 vessels
- Local owners/operators control access



TWIC Process Flow





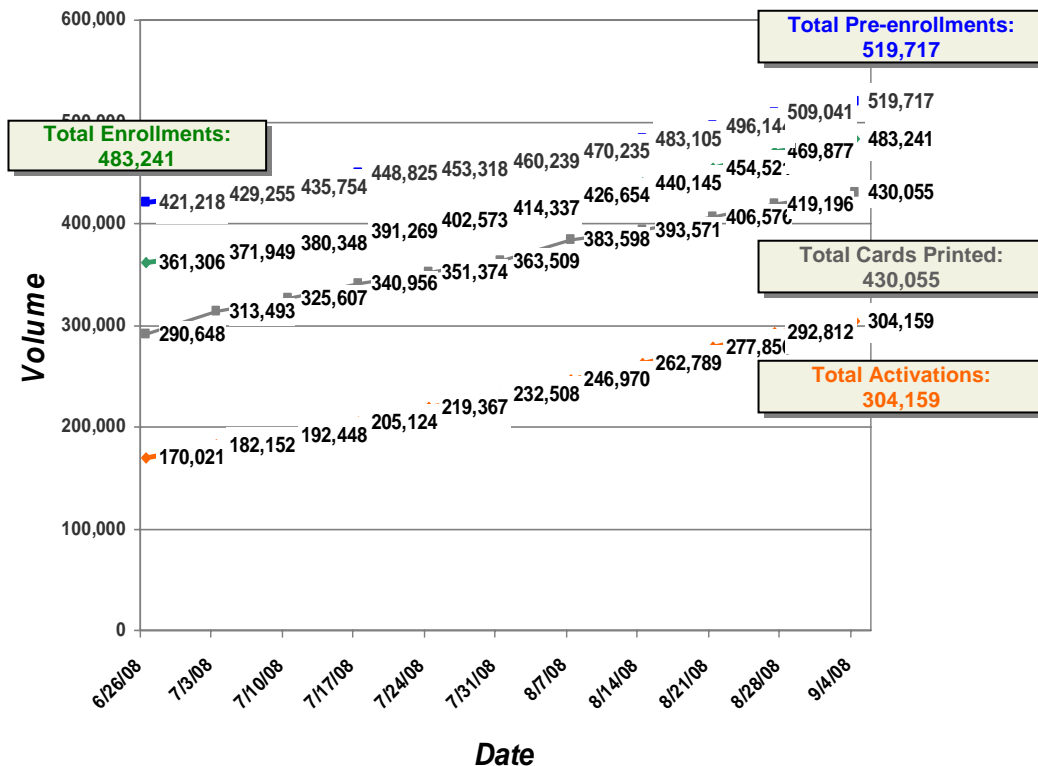
TWIC Enrollment Statistics

Program Statistics

Enrollment/Activation	Measurement (as of 9/04/08)
Pre-Enrollments	519,717
Enrollments (148 enrollment centers operational)	483,241
Cards Printed (as of 9/03)	430,055
Cards Activated	304,159
Average Enrollment Time	9.06 minutes

Security Threat Assessment	Measurement (as of 8/31/08)
Initial Disqualification Letters	16,766
Appeals Requested	6,910
Appeals Granted	4,622
Waivers Requested	809
Waivers Granted	572
ALJ Hearings Requested	4
ALJ Hearings Granted	4
Final Disqualification Letters	32
Number of Expired IDTAs	1,782

Enrollment Trending



TWIC Information and Resources

Help Desk: 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942) Website: www.tsa.gov/twic

8:00 AM ET - 12:00 AM ET

Email: credentialing@dhs.gov



TWIC Compliance Framework

Phased-in COTP zone compliance (specific dates provided if announcements have occurred)

October - November 2008	December 2008 – January 2009	February 2009	March - April 2009
<p><u>October 15, 2008</u> Northern New England Boston Southeastern New England</p> <p><u>October 31, 2008</u> Buffalo Duluth Detroit Lake Michigan Sault Ste. Marie</p> <p><u>November 28, 2008</u> Corpus Christi Port Arthur North Carolina Cape Fear River</p>	<p><u>December 1, 2008</u> Long Island Sound Charleston Savannah Jacksonville</p> <p><u>December 30, 2008</u> Baltimore Delaware Bay Mobile Pittsburgh Ohio Valley Lower Mississippi River San Diego</p> <p><u>January 13, 2009</u> Hampton Roads Morgan City New Orleans Upper Mississippi River Miami Key West St. Petersburg</p>	<p>Honolulu South East Alaska Prince William Sound Western Alaska</p> <p>Puget Sound Portland (OR) San Francisco Bay</p>	<p>New York Guam Houston/Galveston Los Angeles/Long Beach San Juan</p> <p>NOTE: COTP Zones are arranged in order of tentative groupings for compliance. All compliance announcements will be made in the Federal Register at least 90 days in advance.</p>

Little Rock is within this COTP zone



Little Rock Enrollment Center

- Address:
TWIC Enrollment Center
2005 E 17th Street
Little Rock, AR 72202
- Hours of operation:
Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- To pre-enroll and schedule an appointment:
<https://twicprogram.tsa.dhs.gov/TWICWebApp/>



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HME Program

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- TSA HME website, with comprehensive & up-to-date information at: www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/hazmat
- Help Desk call center: Available for drivers in all states to check the status of their security assessments 1-877-429-7746.

TWIC Program

- Rex Lovelady, Program Manager
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- TSA TWIC website with comprehensive & up-to-date information at: www.tsa.gov/twic
- Help Desk call center: Available to all applicants at 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942) or email at <http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov/twicinfo/contact.jsp>.