



Senator Lautenberg outlined the FY 2011 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill in Port Newark this morning

NJ SEED Member and Trustee, the Port Authority of NY and NJ (PANYNJ) held a press conference today with **U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg** in Port Newark as members of the press, government, business and labor leaders alike gathered to hear the Senator's remarks on the recent FY 2011 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

The bill, which outlines the funding priorities for homeland security initiatives in the coming year, is set to allocate over 350 million dollars to increase port security programs. Senator Lautenberg spoke of the importance of these dollars as they will serve to provide the necessary safety and security for the Port as it is a true economic engine for

our region. The Senator highlighted the federal government's obligation to maintain a paramount level of safety in the region as it is one of the most high profile targets for a terrorist attack. Referring to the port as the "lifeboat not only to NJ's economy, but also to our country as a whole," he shared with all attendees his promise to protect and assure the necessary funds are allotted to best reflect the port's specific needs.

Senator Lautenberg's vigilance and action as the recently appointed Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security will assure that our Nation's highest risk point of entry will receive the needed federal dollars to ensure its safety and smooth operation. NJ SEED applauds the PANYNJ for their leadership in this area. Particularly, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Tony Coscia, Executive Director Christopher Ward, Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni, and **Tina Lado, NJ SEED Trustee.**

#### **INCREASED FUNDING FOR GRANT PROGRAMS VITAL TO NEW JERSEY SECURITY**

- Port Security - \$350 million, a \$50 million increase over both the FY 2010 enacted level and the President's FY 2011 budget request. New Jersey received \$49.8 million in Port Security funds in FY 2010.
- Rail/Bus/Transit Security - \$350 million, a \$38 million increase over the FY 2010 enacted level and a \$50 million increase over the President's FY 2011 budget request. New Jersey received \$38.9 million in Rail/Bus/Transit Security funds in FY 2010.
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants - \$950 million, a \$63 million increase over the FY 2010 enacted level and a \$50 million increase over the President's FY 2011 budget request.
- Assistance to Firefighters FIRE Grant Program - \$390 million, equal to the FY 2010 enacted level and an \$85 million increase over the President's FY 2011 budget request.
- Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant Program - \$420 million, equal to the FY 2010 enacted level and a \$115 million increase over the President's FY 2011 budget request.