



MARAD FACT SHEET

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Strategic Objective: Demonstrate military/commercial cargo mobility within the intermodal transportation sector that supports key mission requirements.

Mission

DRMEC facilitates the collaboration between commercial, military, government and academic institutions to design, develop and operate a successful demonstration of a *21st Century Integrated Intermodal Transportation System* between the Port of Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Goals

- Facilitate end-to-end communication and electronic tracking of goods and equipment that is necessary for global commercial and military shippers to manage supply chains and for transport companies to improve transportation asset management.
- Maximize commercial and military transportation capacity.
- Improve ship, train and truck loading and unloading systems.
- Promote environmentally responsible transport solutions.
- Enable new US ship and maritime designs and manufacturing.

Background

MARAD is working with DRMEC and the Military Traffic Management Command to develop a RISK (RAPID International Security Knowledge) Alert system to combine shipment and transportation information from the port of origin to final destination in North America. The RISK Alert system will be part of a RAPID (Regional Agile Port Intermodal Distribution) Center (a neutral transport and logistics portal). The RAPID Center is a component of RAPID system that is a demonstration of advanced agile port technologies.

Initiatives

RISK Alert™ - RAPID International Security Knowledge Alert- is a Pennsylvania Homeland Security national demonstration of a cargo, equipment and crew security knowledge tool being developed by DRMEC.

ITS CONCEPT IS SIMPLE:

RISK Alert helps commercial participants by serving as a single secure information portal for them to report required security information just once for multiple federal agencies.

A SECURE INFORMATION PORTAL

Participants provide continually updated data about the movement of shipments through their supply chains, and law enforcement personnel have immediate and uniform access to that data through the not-for-profit, RISK Alert information portal.

INFORMATION SHARING SOLUTION

RISK Alert makes critical commercial information readily available to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as is called for in numerous federal reports.

NOT A TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

A key element of success is DRMEC's proven process to obtain the buy-in and effective participation of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and commercial organizations that all stand to benefit from the availability of RISK Alert information. **RISK Alert** is being developed by Delaware River Maritime Enterprise Council (DRMEC), a not-for-profit organization, through funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Office of PennPORTS and a port security grant from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD). RISK Alert is a product of DRMEC's RAPID (Regional Agile Port Intermodal Distribution) System®.