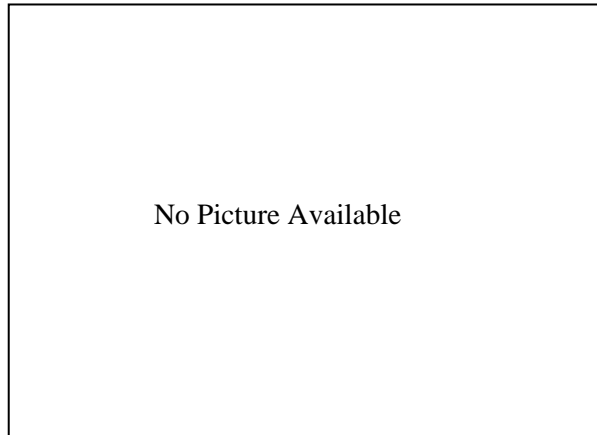


## **Best Practice: “PortPass” Identification Credential**



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**Description:** All individuals needing access to the port are issued a photo identification card known as a “PortPass” that is electronically coded to allow the holder access to areas of the port via an electronic proximity card reader system.

**Discussion:** Applicants for the “PortPass” are required to present to the Vancouver Port Authority (VPA) two pieces of government-issued personal identification with their applications. Accompanying the application must be a sponsorship letter on a company/organization letterhead stating the duration of the time the individual needs access and it must be signed by an authorized signatory of the company/organization.

**Potential Down-side:** No downside has been identified.

**Conclusion:** The VPA’s process for issuance of the “PortPass” identification credential is thorough and insures a high degree of security.

**Cost:** The cost of processing “PortPass” applications, maintaining the records database, and the purchase and maintenance of the proximity card reader equipment maybe cost prohibitive for some ports.