

## **Important TWIC Information**

As previously reported, the TSA has commenced the application and issuance process for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). A Transportation Security Administration website [www.tsa.gov/what\\_we\\_do/layers/twic/index.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/index.shtm) has the latest information regarding enrollment centers and instruction on how to obtain a TWIC.

Members should visit the website, register by creating a username and password, and then pre-enroll. Once your information is entered online you need to schedule an appointment at one of the enrollment centers. This can be accomplished by calling the TWIC helpline at 866-347-8942.

It should be noted that the enrollment centers are still being established and there may not be one in your area at this time. The TSA website has a deployment schedule for centers that is updated daily. Once your appointment has been scheduled, you will need to bring identification to the enrollment center and a form of payment. Your valid U.S. passport or MMD can be used for a single qualifying piece of identification. However, it would be prudent to bring both.

For a full list of acceptable documents to be utilized at the center for I.D. consult the TSA website. The centers will accept credit cards for payment, but no personal checks. Holders of an MMD are eligible for the discounted issuance fee of \$105.25. However, if you take advantage of this discount, your TWIC will expire on the same day as your MMD. If you opt to pay the full fee of \$132.50 you will receive a five-year TWIC card regardless of the expiration date of your MMD. The process at the enrollment center is quick and straight forward and requires the applicant to have your photograph and fingerprints taken by digital/electronic means.

Please note that you will be required to visit the enrollment center twice – once for processing and again within 10-30 days for card issuance and activation. The M.E.B.A.'s Baltimore Branch Agent received his TWIC in six days (from application to issuance) in the Port of Wilmington, DE.