

# Helping Simplify Your **TWIC** Compliance



## AcuTech Can Help You To...

- manage the Escort Contingency Planning.
- gain a better understanding of escort requirements for restricted areas verses secure areas.
- ensure plans match TWIC terminology.
- understand what is expected of US Flagged vessels regarding TWIC.
- implement new hire processes.

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Roll-out Dates**

## Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) Services

Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) is a common identification credential for all personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas of MTSA-regulated facilities, vessels, and mariners holding Coast Guard issued credentials.

Compliance with the new TWIC program is the law and AcuTech's team of knowledgeable consultants are here to assist you and your staff in meeting every aspect of facility TWIC compliance.

Individuals who meet TWIC eligibility requirements will be issued a tamper-resistant credential containing the worker's biometric (fingerprint template). This will allow for a positive link between the card and the individual.

During the initial rollout TWIC will be used for visual identity checks. TWIC holders will present their cards to authorized personnel who will compare the holder to his or her photo. While doing so they will inspect security features on the TWIC and evaluate the card for signs of tampering. The Coast Guard will conduct vessel and facility inspections and use hand-held readers during spot checks to ensure credentials are valid and identity is verified. A second rulemaking will establish access control requirements, including the use of electronic readers by certain vessel and facility owners and operators.

Contractors (or individuals who are TWICs remain valid for five years, unless the expiration date was based on a comparable credential (Free and Secure Trade card, Merchant Mariner Document/ License, or Hazmat Endorsement). The expiration date is displayed on the face of the TWIC. TWIC holders are responsible for knowing when to begin the renewal process.

For individuals who pay the reduced fee, the expiration date of their TWIC will be five years from the date listed on the credential associated with the comparable security threat assessment. Not direct employees of a port owner or operator, but rather 'contract' employees can apply for a TWIC as long as they meet the TWIC eligibility requirements and, at a minimum, are expecting to pursue contracts at MTSA-regulated vessels and facilities where the owners or operators have determined a need for unescorted access in secure areas. If circumstances change and the individual no longer meet certain conditions, they are required to surrender their TWIC.

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# Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) Compliance Roll-out Dates

## December 30, 2008

Baltimore  
Delaware Bay  
Mobile  
Pittsburgh  
Ohio Valley  
Lower Mississippi River  
San Diego

## January 13, 2008

Hampton Roads  
Morgan City  
New Orleans  
Upper Mississippi River  
Miami  
Key West  
St. Petersburg

## February 12, 2009

Honolulu  
South East Alaska  
Prince William Sound  
Western Alaska

## February 28, 2009

Puget Sound  
Portland (OR)  
San Francisco Bay

## March 23, 2009

New York

## April 14, 2009

Guam  
Houston/Galveston  
Los Angeles/Long Beach  
San Juan  
Port Arthur

## AcuTech's Other Security Services

- Complete Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) compliance strategies and assistance
- Security vulnerability assessments (CCPS SVAs, CSAT-SVA)
- Security Plan Development (CFATS, MTSA, TSA, DOT)
- Security Management Systems (SMS)
- Inherent safety analyses
- Consequence modeling for release or explosion analysis
- Corporate baseline security measures guidance
- Countermeasures selection, design and implementation
- Independent reviews and audits
- Emergency response, crisis management & business continuity planning
- Drills and exercises
- Training

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contact you to discuss your specific needs.