

SWAC™ Membership Now Accepts TWIC™ Cardholders

Flemington NJ – The Secure Worker Access Consortium, (SWAC) today announced that Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) cardholders can enroll seamlessly in SWAC, a unique cooperative security initiative among public agencies, private organizations, facility owner/operators, contractors and their labor partners. A completely new interoperable technology platform, Real-Time Verification 3.0 (RTV3™) enables a valid TWIC cardholder to enroll in the SWAC program without incurring the time and cost associated with additional personal identity verification and criminal-background screening.

SWAC helps to ensure that contracted personnel and subcontracted labor who access our nation's critical infrastructures and key resources are known, safe, and threat free. The Metropolitan Transit Authority and New Jersey Transit, along with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey now require SWAC as the regional prerequisite standard for gaining access to secure areas within sensitive facilities.

The RTV3 technology that drives SWAC meets the interoperability, security, and trustworthiness required by the federal government. SWAC provides contractor and labor groups with secure data collection; security managers with simple fast personal identification verification and access validation of their workers; and architectural engineers, general contractors and their subcontractors with easy-to-use accurate management reporting.

This new acceptance of TWIC credentials for enrollment in SWAC provides a unique, secure link for real-time verification of workers who travel among worksites. TWIC cardholders, including longshoremen, truckers, and public and private seaport employees, can now be scanned and approved for work on SWAC secure sites essential to the tri-state region's trade and transportation capabilities.

The result is a rapidly growing, trusted contractor community partnering to improve security throughout the NY/NJ region and the nation.

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About TWIC™

A Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) is a biometric credential that ensures only vetted workers are eligible to gain unescorted access to secure areas of a Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA)-regulated port or vessel. Coast Guard-credentialed merchant mariners, port facility employees, long shore workers, truck drivers, and others requiring unescorted access to secure areas of maritime facilities and vessels regulated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) are required to get a TWIC card.

About SWAC™

The Secure Worker Access Consortium (SWAC) is a highly secure, information-sharing program that provides services and technologies to verify that individuals who access sensitive facilities and critical infrastructures are known and have a demonstrated threat-free history. The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and NJ Transit (NJT) along with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) now require SWAC as the Regional standard for the processing of Personal Identity Verification and Criminal Background Investigations. These agencies and others are strategically partnering with regional labor groups and contractors to mitigate risk, develop a SWAC Trusted Community, and cooperatively improve regional and national security.