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**VESSEL TURN IN PROGRAM (VTIP)****INFORMATION SUMMARY**

As required by the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 166 (Chapter 416, Statutes of 2009), the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) implemented a Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP). The purpose of the program is to allow a vessel owner to turn in their vessel to a public local agency in lieu of abandonment.

VTIP is a temporary pilot program that became effective on July 1, 2010, and will continue until January 1, 2014. If the pilot program is successful, it may be extended.

The VTIP allows public local agencies to apply for grant funds to administer a turn-in program in their jurisdiction. Funding for the VTIP comes from the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF), but is separate from the existing AWAF program and receives separate budget authority. Participation in the current AWAF program is not required to participate in the VTIP.

Per Harbors and Navigation Code §527, a 10-percent matching contribution is required. This matching fund may be rendered in cash, or through in-kind contributions which must be verified, and are at the discretion of DBW. These contributions may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Administrative costs
- Personnel hours
- Removal
- Storage

**To participate, interested agencies must submit the following by April 30.**

**1) [Letter of Intent and Work Plan](#)**

An application must include a Letter of Intent and Work Plan on agency letterhead that details the agency's plan for implementing a Vessel Turn-In Program. The Work Plan should include details for the administrative process, removal and storage process, and vessel destruction plans. Additionally, the Work Plan should include information on how the agency will accept vessels, such as daily, monthly, etc., and the agency's advertising plan. Please see samples on the above captioned Web site.

**2) [Grant Application](#)**

DBW will review all applications and award grants by July 1, 2014 or as soon as budgetary authority is given. If awarded a grant, agencies will be required to enter into a standard state contract with DBW. The contract will include general terms and conditions and VTIP reporting requirements.

If you have any questions concerning the VTIP, visit our Web site at [www.dbw.parks.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.parks.ca.gov), or call Susan Sykes at (916) 327-1825, or via e-mail at [Sykes@dbw.parks.ca.gov](mailto:Sykes@dbw.parks.ca.gov).