UNO tapped to research port security

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The Merritt C. Becker Jr. University of New Orleans Transportation Institute has received a two-year, $150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to research port security.

According to UNO’s announcement, the goal of the research will be to develop a tool where different types of threats and responses can be simulated to determine the most efficient way to secure port facilities with the least amount of disruption.

The UNO Transportation Institute will build on its relationship with local and regional maritime agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Port of New Orleans to identify all of the mitigation measures pertinent to the region.

UNO will also collaborate on this project with researchers from LSU and Florida Atlantic University.