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Port of Milwaukee Recognized for 99 Percent Increase in International Tonnage

Increase is Second Highest of Any U.S. Location on St. Lawrence Seaway

Milwaukee - Mr. Collister (Terry) Johnson, Jr., administrator of the Federal Department of Transportation's St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, presented the Port of Milwaukee with the Pacesetter Award today recognizing its significant increase in international tonnage moved along the seaway in 2006.

Last year Milwaukee accounted for the international movement of more than 700,000 metric tons of goods through the St. Lawrence Seaway – a 99 percent increase in traffic over the port's total in 2005. The increase was the second largest for any location along the St. Lawrence Seaway, a system of locks and canals that connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean and the world.

Dan Steininger, president of the Port of Milwaukee's Board of Harbor Commissioners, accepted the award from Administrator Johnson on behalf of the port and the city.

"Since the earliest days of this city, the Port of Milwaukee has played a vital role in connecting Wisconsin farmers and manufacturers to the world," Steininger said. "Today's presentation of the Pacesetter Award to the Port of Milwaukee reconfirms the port's status as a vibrant Great Lakes hub and driver of our economy."

Recognized widely throughout the St. Lawrence Seaway marine system as a measurement of freight performance, the Pacesetter Award is presented annually to Great Lakes ports and terminals in the United States that show increases in international tonnage shipped through the bi-national U.S.-Canadian waterway. The Port of Milwaukee was one of 11 ports and terminals throughout the St. Lawrence Seaway to receive the Pacesetter Award, registering the second highest increase of all U.S. locations along the Seaway.

Milwaukee County Executive and member of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board, Scott Walker served as the Master of Ceremonies for the award program.

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“Milwaukee County is a great place to do business and the Port of Milwaukee is a vital part of our transportation infrastructure,” Walker said. “It was an honor to serve as Master of Ceremonies for an event that recognizes not only the strength and energy of our port, but also the farmers and manufacturers who use the port to move their products to the market.”

This is the eighth Pacesetter earned by the Port of Milwaukee since the award program began in 1992.

Eric Reinelt, director of the Port of Milwaukee, attributed the port’s continued success to the hard work of the staff, terminal operators and businesses that use the seaway.

“It takes a team effort to run a port, and everyone who uses or works at the Port of Milwaukee shares in this award,” Reinelt said. “By ensuring that goods can be moved efficiently into and out of the Port of Milwaukee, we are helping to grow our economy and keep Wisconsin businesses competitive in the global marketplace.”

About the Port of Milwaukee

A regional transportation and distribution center located on the western shore of Lake Michigan, the Port of Milwaukee connects southeastern Wisconsin to its neighbors in the Midwest, Canada and the world via the St. Lawrence Seaway, a series of locks and navigation channels linking the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. Serviced by two major railroads, the Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific, the Port of Milwaukee handles a diverse mix of general cargoes including steel, forest products, bagged materials, heavy machinery, farm and construction machinery, project cargoes, and grain.

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