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**MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION CREATES DIRECTOR OF SECURITY POSITION
AT MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION**

Homer Williams, retired U.S. Treasury Official Tapped by Brooks Royster

Baltimore, MD (September 26, 2005) -- In one of the first personnel moves of his three-month tenure, F. Brooks Royster, Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA), has tapped retired U.S. Treasury and Customs official Homer J. Williams of Bowie, Maryland as his new Director of Security.

“In today’s climate, we need an experienced hand on the tiller to guide our aggressive efforts to protect the port, our business partners and our assets from those who may wish to do us harm,” said Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan. “With the wide range of skills he possesses, Homer Williams is the right person to lead our efforts in these challenging times.”

Mr. Williams officially began his duties as MPA Security Director today.

“Tapping Homer Williams is critical to the security of this port, and was an easy choice” explained Mr. Royster. “Mr. Williams’ military background, as well as his nearly 30 years in internal intelligence, security and enforcement with U.S. Customs and Treasury will prove invaluable as we work ever more closely with our Federal, State and local security partners,” Mr. Royster added.

Mr. Williams began his security career in 1970 as a U.S. Air Marshal. He then moved onto positions as Patrol Officer, Special Agent and Regional Director, all with U.S. Customs and Treasury. In 1995, he was Assistant Commissioner and oversaw all of the agency’s internal intelligence and security activities. Mr. Williams retired from U.S. Customs in 2002 as a Special Advisor on Enforcement. Seeking a career change, he became an educator with the Prince George’s County School System, where he has worked since 2002.

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In joining the Maryland Port Administration and tackling the new role of MPA Security Director, Mr. Williams hopes to “build on the security foundation already in place.” He added, “I will look forward to working with the existing staff and building on all the inroads already established with the Governor’s and Mayor’s Offices, and with the local, state and Federal agencies.”

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Celebrating its 300th anniversary on April 19, 2006, Maryland’s Port of Baltimore consistently ranks as one of the United States’ top ports. Most recent statistics place it 7th in cargo value and 14th in overall tonnage. Maryland’s Port of Baltimore is located more than 150 miles inland and is the closest U.S. Atlantic seaport to major mid-western manufacturing centers. Nestled in the heart of the fifth largest, third wealthiest consumer market in the nation, Baltimore is a prime distribution location. The public terminals of the Port of Baltimore (Maryland Port Administration) recently surpassed a new milestone--exceeding 9 million tons of general cargo in FY 2005.

