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## **PORT WINS 2012 RENAISSANCE ANCHOR OF THE YEAR**

### ***Award Presented by Dundalk Renaissance Corporation***

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- The Port of Baltimore was selected by the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation as its 2012 Renaissance Anchor of the Year during an awards presentation event on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 at the Sparrows Point Country Club in Dundalk. The award was presented to Maryland Port Administration (MPA) Deputy Executive Director Kathy Broadwater and Captain Eric Nielson, president of the Baltimore Port Alliance during the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation's Fifth Annual 'Renaissance Milestone Celebration'.

"We are extremely honored to receive this award because it comes from our community," said MPA Deputy Executive Director Broadwater. "The Port of Baltimore and Dundalk have been continuously linked for decades. As we move forward in the coming years, we will continue in our long-standing role as an economic generator for this community while doing so in a way that respects our local environment and the people who reside here."

The Port of Baltimore is being honored for being one of Maryland's leading economic engines and job creators, as well as for its efforts at working closely with communities to seek input and create partnerships in ways that benefit the local Dundalk community and the Port.

"The DRC is giving the "Renaissance Anchor of the Year" award to the Port of Baltimore because we recognize its importance as an economic engine for our community now and into the future while at the same time we see the Port taking care to operate and grow responsibly in how it impacts its neighbors and the natural environment," said Amy Menzer, executive director of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation. "As one of our major employers, the Port of Baltimore's health and growth is creating opportunities for Dundalk residents now and also into the future."

The Port of Baltimore ranks 11<sup>th</sup> nationally for the total dollar value of cargo and 12<sup>th</sup> for the amount of cargo tonnage handled out of 44 port districts in the U.S. In 2011, the Port of Baltimore ranked as the top port in the nation out of 360 U.S. ports for handling farm and construction machinery, autos, trucks, imported forest products, imported sugar and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranked second in the U.S. for exported coal, imported salt, imported aluminum, and imported iron ore.

Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, while about 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

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