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PORT ADMINISTRATION HIRES NEW BUILDING MANAGER FOR WORLD TRADE CENTER BALTIMORE

Marketing One of Baltimore's Iconic Landmarks is Key Priority

(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) announced that Samantha Harris has been hired as building manager for the World Trade Center Baltimore. Harris brings over ten years of commercial real-estate experience to her new position.

“My main goal is to make the World Trade Center Baltimore one of the most sought after office spaces in Baltimore and bring the building to 100 percent capacity,” said Harris. “We want companies and organizations looking for office space in Baltimore to know what the World Trade Center building has to offer. I’m excited to bring my vision to an iconic landmark in Baltimore.”

Harris brings a great deal of real estate knowledge to the MPA. She began her real estate career with the Rouse Company, which was later purchased by General Growth Properties. While at General Growth Properties, Harris assisted in the \$110 million redevelopment of the Towson Town Center and oversaw the \$80 million redevelopment of the Mondawmin Mall. Additionally, Harris managed assets for Simon Property Group and Montgomery County Public Schools.

Harris received her Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her Master’s Degree in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Maryland. She resides in Owings Mills with her daughter.

Today, the World Trade Center Baltimore stands as the world’s tallest five-sided structure, with its 31-story pentagonal office space standing alongside Baltimore’s famous Inner Harbor. The building was constructed in 1977 and designed by award winning architect I.M. Pei. Each office space in the building offers tenants a unique view of Baltimore City and the Inner Harbor. Its prominent location along Pratt Street makes it ideal for tenants to conduct business in Baltimore. Since the 1970s, Pratt Street has evolved as a focal point of Baltimore’s Central Business District. The World Trade Center Baltimore is located between the National Aquarium and the Harborplace retail pavilion.

Prospective tenants are invited to learn more about the World Trade Center Baltimore by visiting <http://wtcbalto.com/> or contacting Ms. Harris at Sharris8@marylandports.com or 410.385.4707.

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 U.S. ports for handling autos, farm and construction machinery, imported forest products, imported sugar, imported aluminum and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranks second in the U.S. for exported coal, and imported iron ore. Overall Baltimore is ranked ninth for the total dollar value of international cargo and 11th for international cargo tonnage.

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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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