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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES BWI THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT AND PORT OF BALTIMORE WIN NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS

Both recognized by national security publication

ANNAPOLIS, MD (August 12, 2014) – Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) and the Port of Baltimore, both leading economic engines in the State of Maryland, were selected as winners by Government Security News in the magazine's 2014 Airport / Seaport / Border Security Awards Program. Government Security News was founded in 2003 and serves an industry that includes physical, IT, and homeland security individuals, agencies, and companies.

"I want to congratulate BWI Marshall and the Port of Baltimore on this impressive recognition -- their efforts to respond to our State's growing security needs is unmatched," said Governor O'Malley. "Since 2007, we've worked to make BWI and the Port more safe and secure for the public and for the thousands of men and women who work there. This award is acknowledgement of the hard work, dedication and collaboration across State government -- truly a major accomplishment for the State and the people we serve and protect daily."

"BWI Marshall and the Port of Baltimore play a critical role in Maryland's growing economy, and I'd like to congratulate them on being recognized for their commitment to safety for both Marylanders and the visitors who use these facilities to travel to Maryland each year," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "As we look to the future, we will work together to ensure that all of Maryland's facilities are leaders in public safety and security."

A major security and public safety improvement at BWI Marshall, the Consolidated Dispatch Center Upgrades project, was recognized with two first-place awards in the competition: Most Notable Airport Security Program, Large Airports and Best Physical Security Information Management System.

The improvement project upgraded the BWI Marshall dispatch center systems for police, security, fire, and medical services. The new technology platform integrates and automates numerous systems in the Airport's consolidated dispatch center. The project scope included:

- an automated dispatching system;
- mobile dispatching equipment in all first responder vehicles;
- emergency call processing system;
- fire station alerting system;
- detailed mapping of the BWI Marshall facilities with emergency apparatus GPS tracking; and
- a new back-up dispatch center.

"This highly successful project provided our security and public safety personnel with cutting-edge emergency response technology," said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chief Executive Officer of BWI Marshall. "The improvements to the consolidated dispatch center help ensure increased responsiveness and situational awareness. We are honored by the recognition from Government Security News."

The BWI Marshall project was a 12-month, \$5.2 million major information technology initiative to upgrade the Airport's consolidated dispatch center. BWI Marshall and the prime contractor for the project, Intergraph Corporation, were recognized in the awards program. The project was completed in 2013.

The Port of Baltimore was selected as the winner in the category of Most Notable Seaport Security Program (Port Initiative). It was recognized for a number of recent security improvements including:

- a remote-controlled submersible vehicle that secures the Port's public marine terminals and also has the ability to detect Improvised Explosive Devices on ships;
- an underwater intrusion detection system that can detect underwater attempts to attack ships;
- Closed-Circuit Television of the public marine terminals; and

- the E-Modal Trucker Check which requires all companies and drivers transporting cargo to pre-register in an automated software system prior to arriving at the public marine terminals.

“Governor O’Malley challenged us to become one of the most secure ports in the U.S. and through these and other security initiatives in place, we have done that,” said Maryland Port Administration Executive Director James J. White. “Through the help of our federal, state, and local security partners, the Port of Baltimore today has a network of comprehensive security initiatives in place that begin well before any cargo arrives, continues through its time at our Port, and right through the time it leaves our Port for worldwide destinations.”

Both BWI Marshall and the Port of Baltimore were selected among many other public and private sector nominees. According to Government Security News, the awards program was created to recognize and salute organizations that have created, “cutting edge technologies that continue to strengthen the security of airports, seaports and borders.”

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