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PORT OF BALTIMORE RECEIVES TOP COAST GUARD SECURITY ASSESSMENT FOR 15TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Cyber and Physical Security Measures Were Key Focuses of Inspection

(BALTIMORE, MD) – For the 15th consecutive year, the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore received a top U.S. Coast Guard security assessment for the six state-owned, public marine terminals that are managed by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). The Coast Guard’s annual inspection of facilities included a detailed review of all security protocols and procedures at the Dundalk, Seagirt, North Locust Point, South Locust Point (including the cruise passenger terminal), Fairfield and Masonville marine terminals.

“Nothing is more important than ensuring the thousands of individuals who work at Maryland’s Port of Baltimore do so in a safe and secure environment,” said Maryland Transportation Secretary Paul J. Wiedefeld. “I join in thanking the Maryland Port Administration team for keeping safety front and center in the work that they do.”

Each year U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland conducts an inspection at Maryland’s Port of Baltimore to ensure compliance with federal security regulations. The inspection includes a thorough review of the MPA’s Facility Security Plan and its Cyber Security Annex. In recent years, the MPA has installed high-mast lighting and fencing, stronger gate and fence line conditions, additional signage, and other physical security equipment. Heightened cyber security and access control initiatives coupled with the MPA’s closed-circuit television network have added to the MPA’s robust and effective security program.

“Safely securing a major port is a team effort and we’ve got a great one at the Maryland Port Administration,” said MPA Director of Security Kathleen M. Pickett. “We work in close collaboration with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and Allied Universal to seamlessly ensure the safety of all who work at and visit the Port of Baltimore.”

The Port of Baltimore ranks first among the nation’s ports for volume of autos and light trucks, roll on/roll off farm and construction machinery, and imported sugar and gypsum. It ranks 11th among major U.S. ports for cargo handled and ninth for total cargo value. The Port generates more than 15,300 direct jobs, with nearly 140,000 jobs overall linked to Port activities. The Port of Baltimore is responsible for nearly \$3.3 billion in wages and salaries, \$2.6 billion in business revenues and \$395 million in state and local tax revenues.

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