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GSA Awards Construction Contract for Champlain Border Station Project

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) today announced the award of a \$47 million construction contract to **Northland Associates, Inc. of Liverpool, NY** for the final and largest phase of work at the Champlain Land Port of Entry in Champlain, NY.

“We are very excited and pleased to announce this contract award,” stated Eileen Long-Chelales, Regional Administrator of GSA’s Northeast and Caribbean Region. “With it, we can look forward to seeing the third and final phase of work begin at the Champlain Land Port of Entry, which is so critical to the continued effectiveness of one of New York State’s key commercial corridors, and happily anticipate the conclusion of this important project.”

This last phase of the government’s project to expand and modernize facilities and operations at the Champlain border crossing will include the construction of a one-story, 26,480 square foot Administration Building, with a secondary inspection area and enclosed inspection bays; a 5,750 square foot Export Building; and a 4,300 square foot Veterinary Services Building. It will also include construction of 10 passenger inspection booths; associated canopy; and improvements to the approach roadway and to Interstate 87 in the area of the existing port. Tenants of this portion of the facility are U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Veterinary Services. This phase of the project will take place in and immediately surrounding the existing facility, which will be demolished.

Work is expected to begin within the next two weeks and will not interfere with the 24 hour, 7 day a week operation of the existing facility. With work starting on Phase 3, the entire expansion and modernization project for the Champlain Land Port of Entry should be completed by the spring of 2009.

GSA’s other private industry partners in this effort include: Smith-Miller +Hawkinson Architects of New York City, who designed the project; and Pike/Hill Joint Venture of Rochester, NY, construction

quality manager on the job; and Bette & Cring, LLC of Watertown, NY, general contractor for the second phase of work.

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