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MARITIME AGENDA

February 28 - New York - The Traffic Club of New York's 102nd Anniversary Annual Dinner Honoring Maersk's Anthony Scioscia - Contact: Kathy at 212-269-1200.

February 28-29 - San Diego, CA - MTD 2008 Executive Board Meeting - Contact: 202-628-6300 or homeport@mtd.org.

March 3-4 - Long Beach, CA - 8th Annual Trans-Pacific Conference - Contact: <http://www.joe.com/conferences/tpm/>.

March 4 - Washington, DC - Senate Commerce Hearing on TSA '09 Budget.

March 4 - Washington, DC - Senate Commerce Subcommittee Hearing on Protection Against Oil Spills.

March 6 - Washington, DC - House T&I Subcommittee Hearing on CG Budget.

March 31-April 1 - Washington, DC - AAPA's Annual Spring Conference - Contact: 703-684-5700 or E-mail: info@aapa-ports.org.

April 1-3 - Linthicum, MD - SOCP Conference on Maritime and Intermodal Education for Primary and Secondary Schools in America - Contact: Ram Nagendran (703) 620-8676 - E-mail: ram.nagendran@ngc.com or register at: www.socp.us.

April 29 - Bethesda, MD - National Propeller Club's 2008 Salute to Congress Dinner - Congressional Country Club - Early Reservations Strongly Suggested - Contact: Shannon@propellerclubhq.com.

May 20-22 - Panama City, Panama - AAPA Harbors Navigation and Environment Seminar - Contact: 703-684-5700 or E-mail: info@aapa-ports.org.

November 6-8 - Galveston, TX - Texas Maritime Academy & MARAD Conference Addressing Issues Affecting Women in the Maritime Industry - Contact: womenontheWater@dot.gov.

November 7 - New York - AOTOS Awards - Contact: 718-369-3818.

ITEMS IN **RED** INDICATE NEW OR MODIFIED LISTING

**Congressional Information Bureau,
Inc.**

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WORK TO IMPROVE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

U.S. Transportation Command, Defense Logistics Agency and U.S. General Services Administration have established a formal partnership designed to improve supply chain management for U.S. armed forces.

Leaders from the three agencies recently signed an agreement establishing a customer support partnership among the three organizations that will result in improved support to the warfighter.

As global supply chain integration evolves, USTRANSCOM, DLA and GSA commit to provide best value supplies and services, in a timely manner.

The agreement establishes an Executive Steering Committee to oversee initiatives that assure each organization's performance aligns with mutually shared expectations. The ESC will be made up of executives from all three organizations that will establish and direct Joint Working Groups, to ensure the goals and objectives for the overall initiatives are followed.

"This agreement provides us with an excellent opportunity to better align supply chain management," said Air Force Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USTRANSCOM commander, "and solidify interagency partnerships in support of the warfighter."

The partnership establishes methods for each agency to combine performance measurements, collaborate across organizational boundaries and, most importantly, achieve the operational effect of adopting shared efficiencies in delivering goods and services to the warfighter.

"The cooperative agreement extends our commitment to achieve supply chain excellence with our national partners," said Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail, director, DLA. "This guides us - as partners - to further improve operations, information sharing and integrated supply chain planning."

The agreement, which outlines specific responsibilities for each agency, identifies the partnership's goals as:

- * improve operations, information sharing and integrated supply chain operations planning;
- * adopt shared processes to gain efficiencies in the delivery of goods and services to the warfighter;
- * determine information technology requirements to enhance warfighter support capabilities and implement solutions approved by the ESC;
- * develop shared customer relationship activities and initiatives;
- * share supply chain and distribution business intelligence and current events information regarding ongoing or potential initiatives and innovations;
- * collaborate across boundaries of the organizations;
- * and seek partnering opportunities whenever the opportunity arises.

"This arrangement demonstrates how DOD's strong partnership with GSA is ensuring taxpayer savings through best value strategies," said Federal Acquisition Service Commissioner Jim Williams. "It is another great example of how the FAS is partnering with DOD to optimize supply solutions for the warfighter."

USTRANSCOM, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is responsible for creating and implementing world-class global deployment and distribution solutions in support of president, secretary of defense, and combatant commander-assigned missions. The command provides air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense, both in time of peace and time of war.

AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED BY THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

The following agreement activities have been announced by the Federal Maritime Commission:

Filed:

Agreement No.: 200860-004.
Title: Fourth Amendment to Lease and Operating Agreement between PRPA and Dependable Distribution Services Inc. for Pier 84 South.
Parties: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority and Dependable Distribution Services Inc.
Filing Party: Paul D. Coleman, Esq.; Hoppel, Mayer & Coleman; 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Tenth Floor; Washington, DC 20036.
Synopsis: The amendment settles past rent issues under the lease and extends the lease until April 30, 2012. It also allows for a possible third renewal term, establishes base rents and tonnage and dockage fees for future years, and amends the insurance terms.

MSC SEEKING OFFERS FOR DRY CARGO CHARTER

The following RFP has been released by the Military Sealift Command:

RFP/RFQ Number: N00033-08-R-5216.
Solicitation Title: DRY VOYAGE CHARTER
Issue Date: 02/26/2008
Proposal Due Date: 02/28/2008 10:00 ET
Requiring Office: PM-5 - Sealift Program
MSC Office: MSC Headquarters
Product Or Service: Dry Cargo
NAIC: 483111

Point of Contact (POC): William J. Rys
POC Phone Number: 202-685-5821
POC Email Address: william.rys@navy.mil
Date Posted: 02/26/2008
Small Business Set-Aside: NO
Partnering Available: NO

Brief Description: Request a self-sustaining US flag or foreign flag self sustaining RO/RO, LO/LO, or RO/RO-LO/LO combination vessel to lift approximately 37 pieces totaling 5,207 square feet. The cargo consists of wheeled and tracked vehicles, containers, and break bulk. Vessel is required to have enough lashing points and provide all lashing gear. In accordance with the Cargo Preference Act of 1904 and Section IIIA.3 of the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) (see 69 FEDERAL REGISTER 62898, Nov 7, 2007, or most current reference), preference will be given to U.S. flag vessels and VISA participants.

Load Ports: Rota, Spain and Tema, Ghana

Discharge Port: Monrovia, Liberia

Laydays: 10/11 March 2008

GLOBAL WARMING OPENS NEW SEA LANES FOR NORILSK, CONOCOPHILLIPS

Norilsk, the world's biggest producer of nickel, is building its own shipping fleet to capitalize on the melting of the polar ice caps, Bloomberg reported. The company ordered five reinforced cargo vessels that can plow through the waters north of Siberia as new sea routes open. Norilsk is spending at least \$467m to buy reinforced vessels rather than rent both freighters and icebreaker escorts.

Global warming, while threatening environmental disasters, is creating economic opportunity for shippers, makers of ocean cargo vessels and tour operators. New routes may expand access to the world's second-biggest oil supply, deliver U.S. wheat to Asia 30 percent faster and increase Arctic tourism as much as 50 percent in a decade. Ice shrinkage may enable ships to sail straight over the top of the world, cutting an 11,000-mile (17,699-kilometer) trip to 7,000 miles and saving as much as 11 days and \$800,000 in fuel and labor. Investment in reinforced vessels jumped fivefold to \$2.5 billion in 2006 from \$500 million in 1999 and may climb 10 percent a year through 2010, London-based shipping broker Clarkson Plc estimates.

Temperatures above the Arctic Circle have risen at about twice the rate of the global average in the past three decades, United Nations data show. Arctic sea ice shrank to the smallest area on record last summer, covering 22 percent less than the previous low in September 2005, says the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado.

Norilsk is shipping nickel, copper and palladium north of Siberia to Europe from the Taimyr Peninsula in Northern Russia. One reinforced ship is already in service and four are being built by Aker Yards for delivery by mid-2009, all using new hull designs that allow for bow- or stern-first sailing, depending on the thickness of the ocean surface. While Norilsk and others may benefit from the melting, Borodin says the ship orders were driven by cost calculations rather than global warming. Most of the Siberia route is navigable from June through September, and it may become the first trans-Arctic channel open to reinforced vessels, say scientists.

Investment is under way. The portion of the world's commercial tankers that can ply frozen waters will rise to as much as 10 percent in 2008 from 3 percent in 1992, Clarkson estimates. As of December, the order backlog for reinforced ships stood at 152, almost half the size of the current worldwide fleet of 352 such vessels.

OTI ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED BY FMC

The following Ocean Transportation Intermediary activities have been announced by the Federal Maritime Commission:

Applications:

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

LatinCargo, Inc. dba Quisqueyana,
3025 Cypress Pond Pass, Duluth, GA 30097.
Officers: Francisco J. Julia, Vice President (Qualifying Individual),
Mario Trujillo, President.

Gaius Logistics Services LLC,
22 Willow Road, Closter, NJ 07624.
Officer: Chang 7. Kim, Member (Qualifying Individual).

Caribbean Cargo Agencies, Inc., dba Interline Connection,
8240 NW., 52 Terr., Ste. 503, Miami, FL 33166.
Officers: Lilia A. Dorticos, President, (Qualifying Individual)
Mark P. Swerdel, Director.

Eternal Asia Supply Chain Management (USA) Corp.,
Bldg. 75, No Hangar, JFK Int'l Airport. Ste. 200. Jamaica, NY 11430.
Officers: Hector Grajales, Vice President, (Qualifying Individual)
Tak W. Cheng, President.

G.P. Logistics, Inc.,
9910 NW., 21 Street, Floral, FL 33172.
Officers: Sonia Sergueta, Acct. Executive, Qualifying Individual)
Byron E. Reeler, President.

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Interex Mega Line USA, Inc.,
15550 Vickery Drive, Ste. 100, Houston, TX 77032.
Officer: Sonia Kim, President. (Qualifying Individual)

C C Imports, Inc.,
1504 Pine Log Road, Ste. B, Conyers, GA 30012.
Officer: Charlene IC. Cart, President. (Qualifying Individual)

Handle With Care Packaging Store,
2413 Zanker Road, San Jose, CA 95131,
Narinder Singh Sandhu, Sole Proprietor.

Southeast Vocational Alliance Inc.,
6018 Nunn, Houston, TX 77087.
Officers: Carvis R. Junious, Operations Manager, (Qualifying Individual)
Kzysynthia Rido, President.

American International Shipping, LLC,
6111 FM 1960 RD West, Ste. 105, Houston, TX 77069.
Officer: Mohained F. Elhousseiny, Manager. (Qualifying Individual)

CJ GLS America, Inc., 404 Foxrun Avenue, Opelika, AL 36801.
Officer: Kun C. Kim, CEO. (Qualifying Individual)

Bright Star Logistics, Inc.,
11205 S. LA Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045.
Officer: Soon S. Lim, Vice President. (Qualifying Individual)

AS Logistics, Inc. dba Aanstan Logistics,
101 Knightsbridge Dr., Hamilton, OH 45011.
Officer: Michael J. Seboria, President. (Qualifying Individual)

Cargozone Logistics, Inc.,
1490 Beachey Place, Carson, CA 90746.
Officer: Sunny Hong, CFO. (Qualifying Individual)

Millennium Express and Travel, LLC,
91-1401 Halahua Street, Kapolei, HI 96707.
Officer: Sonrisa S. Ibanez, Exec. Officer. (Qualifying Individual)

Aerospace Logistics Group LLC,
9538 South Clifton Park Ave.,
Evergreen Park, IL 60805.
Officer: Wallace Triplet, Vice President. (Qualifying Individual)

B.C. Logistics, LTJC,
918 S. Park Lane, Ste. 103, Tempe, AZ 85281.
Officer: Vicki Bolejolie, President. (Qualifying Individual)

Ocean Freight Forwarder--Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Red Ball Forwarders, Inc.,
1335 Sadlier Circle E. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46239.
Officers: Michael Cobb, Vice President, (Qualifying Individual)
Katrina Blackwell, CEO.

Integrity Cargo Freight Corporation,
160 Rte. 35N, Cliffwood Beach, NJ 07735.
Officers: Charles Derosa, Vice President, (Qualifying Individual)
Angelo Derosa, President.

Phil-Ex Cargo Inc.,
94-1018 Awalai Street, Waipahu, HI 96797.
Officers: Narciso Gamiao, Jr., President, (Qualifying Individual)
Roger Rafanan, Director.

CROWLEY LANDS BID TO MONITOR ALASKA'S CRUISE SHIPS

Crowley will implement and administer the State of Alaska's Ocean Ranger Program, beginning with the 2008 cruise ship season. The State of Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) awarded the contract to Crowley Monday.

The contract, valued at up to \$4 million per fiscal year, directs Crowley to recruit, hire, train, and organize the logistics of placing up to 35 Ocean Rangers on board cruise ships this season to monitor their wastewater discharges and compliance with other pollution requirements for the state. Ocean Rangers are required as part of a new law adopted by the citizens of Alaska - the Alaska Cruise Ship Initiative- in 2006.

Crowley is accepting resumes from qualified, licensed third assistant engineers or higher rating. Preference will be given to qualified Alaska residents and applicants must either be existing AMO members or make application for membership prior to assignment. To work as an Ocean Ranger, candidates will be required to attend and complete a mandatory certification program. In addition to passing both a knowledge based and practical proficiency exam, candidates must complete on-the-job training. Crowley has selected Faststream Recruitment Inc., one of the worlds largest Maritime Recruiters, as its recruitment partner for this contract. Faststream's experience in the cruise industry will help identify qualified candidates with the necessary technical and social skills for this challenging environment

Resumes should be sent to Roy Sunden at the Faststream office: oceanranger@faststream.us or rsunden@faststream.us.

IRIDIUM® UNVEILS ENHANCED-BANDWIDTH MARINE SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SERVICE

New Product Will Open Door for Growth Surge in Maritime Industry

Iridium® Satellite, the world's fastest-growing mobile satellite services (MSS) provider, unveiled yesterday, its new Iridium OpenPort enhanced-bandwidth marine communication system at the Satellite 2008 conference and exhibition in Washington, D.C.

"This breakthrough product will bring a fresh element of competition to the marine satcom market," said Matt Desch, chairman and CEO of Iridium Satellite. "Iridium OpenPort offers an unbeatable value proposition of multiple phone lines, IP connectivity and flexible data speeds up to 128 kilobits per second (kbps), with equipment and airtime costs substantially lower than any competitor. Packaged with our unique 100 percent global coverage and service quality, we'll be positioned as the service offering to beat. We expect to quickly capture significant market-share gains in the estimated \$400 million annual marine MSS market."

"The rollout of Iridium OpenPort follows a year of unprecedented growth for Iridium and will serve as a springboard for the company to achieve another record year," said Desch. "During 2007, Iridium's subscriber base increased 34 percent to reach 234,000 users worldwide. As Iridium OpenPort products hit the market at mid-year, we project even stronger gains in 2008."

Desch stated that the Iridium OpenPort systems have successfully completed sea trials, and the company has a backlog of more than 2,500 units on order from major service providers. "Iridium OpenPort represents a significant R&D investment in our constellation and ground systems – some of the most extensive development since the system was launched 10 years ago."

“We have had an overwhelming response from our Service Providers since previewing Iridium OpenPort at our Partners’ Conference in September,” said Greg Ewert, executive vice president of Iridium Satellite. “Globe Wireless, LLC, a leading maritime IT solution provider with over 550 ship operators and 8,600 ships worldwide, has made a major commitment to the program as our charter customer.”

“Iridium OpenPort is fundamentally changing how the maritime industry manages voice and data communications and will provide a cost-effective way to address the severe crew shortage and increased reporting and management requirements in the industry,” said Frank Coles, CEO, Globe Wireless. “Iridium OpenPort also opens up new market segments, specifically luxury yachts, tugs, fishing and cruising vessels for which traditional marine satcom systems have been out of reach. Now, when they evaluate the value/cost tradeoff, the question becomes ‘why not?’”

Iridium will target the new service toward the deep-sea shipping and commercial fishing segments. “Iridium OpenPort provides a complete integrated solution for ship-to-shore crew calling, email and IP-based data communications,” said Ewert. “Our pricing strategy replaces expensive pay-per-minute billing schemes with a straightforward, cost-effective, pay-per-megabyte plan for data transfer. Hardware upgrades from bandwidth packages associated with competing products will be a thing of the past.”

The Iridium OpenPort ship terminal provides dynamic allocation of three independent telephone lines and a high-speed data port configurable from 9.6 to 128 kbps. All voice and data circuits can be used at the same time. The unstabilized, omni-directional antenna array measures just 9 inches (230 millimeters) high and 22.5 inches (570 millimeters) in diameter – about the size of a typical small-boat radar radome. The lightweight antenna can be easily installed during a brief port visit. It contains no moving parts, which greatly reduces cabling, maintenance and repair costs.

“The installed cost of an Iridium OpenPort ship terminal is 50 to 90 percent lower than other marine satcom systems, and our per-megabyte prices for data throughput are at least 30 percent lower than any other marine satcom system on the market today,” said Ewert. “This means a return on investment measured in months rather than years.”

