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Committee on Maritime Transportation System GE FUNDED PORTION (2012)

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Purpose: The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) is a Federal inter-departmental committee which is chaired by the Secretary of Transportation and the purpose of which is to create a partnership of Federal Departments and agencies with responsibility for the Marine Transportation System (MTS). The CMTS is directed to ensure the development and implementation of national MTS policies consistent with national needs and report to the President its views and recommendations for improving the MTS. The authority to establish this Committee derives from a directive in the U.S. Ocean Action Plan, issued December 17, 2004, "Supporting Marine Transportation."

Objective: According to the CMTS Charter, effective August, 2005, the Committee on the Marine Transportation System and its constituent sub-organizations are responsible for the following:

improving federal MTS coordination and policies; promoting the environmentally sound integration of marine transportation with other modes of transportation and with other ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes uses; developing outcome based goals and strategic objectives for the safety, security, efficiency, economic vitality, environmental health, and reliability of the MTS for commercial and national defense requirements, as well as, a method for monitoring progress towards those goals; coordinating budget and regulatory activities that impact the MTS; and recommending strategies and implementing plans to maintain and improve the MTS

Benefits: The committee helps foster collaboration among other federal agencies while helping to sustain and even Improve the national Maritime Transportation System.

Progress: CMTS provides ongoing support, MIPRs to DOT, etc. There are quarterly high-level Corporate Board meetings.

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