



U.S. Coast Guard Distinguishes Tradepoint Atlantic For Excellence In Maritime Security

Selects Site For 2020 Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis Award

BALTIMORE, MD (December 1, 2020) – Tradepoint Atlantic, a 3,300-acre multimodal global logistics center in Baltimore, Md., featuring an unmatched combination of access to deep-water berths, rail and highway, today announced that the United States Coast Guard has awarded the site the [2020 Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis Award for Excellence in Maritime Security](#). This biennial award serves to highlight and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions of the maritime community with regards to implementation of Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) requirements and other maritime security best practices in safeguarding the nation's maritime transportation system. In addition, the award serves as a tool to encourage organizations to assess overall security programs to identify strengths and weaknesses, seek creative solutions for addressing known risks, build a system of continuous improvement, and share best practices that would benefit similar organizations.

"The Coast Guard and Sector Maryland-NCR are very appreciative of Tradepoint Atlantic's efforts in advancing maritime security best practices across our region," said Captain Joseph B. Loring, Coast Guard Sector Maryland-NCR. "The USCG Bennis Award demonstrates the facility's commitment to partnerships, security processes and physical security. More importantly, it exhibits the facility's dedication to continuous improvement across the maritime security world of work. Sector MD-NCR looks forward to a continued partnership with Tradepoint Atlantic to ensure the safe transport of commerce in the Port of Baltimore."

The U.S. Coast Guard award selection committee reviewed numerous competitive candidates, demonstrating the industry's overall commitment to maritime security and safeguarding the nation's vital marine transportation system. The Canaveral Port Authority of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Maher Terminals, LLC of Elizabeth, N.J., were also awarded.

"Tradepoint Atlantic takes maritime security extremely seriously and we are honored to receive such a distinguished award from the United States Coast Guard," said JD Gerhart, Tradepoint Atlantic Director of Security. "This award acknowledges the hard work and team effort of our security personnel, employees, contractors, security consultants, and port partners as we continually strive to provide a safe and secure world-class environment for our customers and the surrounding community. We thank the Coast Guard for recognizing our efforts."

About the Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis Award:

The Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis award honors an outstanding Coast Guard leader who embodied core values and demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the security of the United States and the marine transportation system. The late Rear Admiral Bennis began his career in 1972 as a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He went on to serve as Captain of the Port Charleston, S.C., and Hampton Roads, Va. On September 11, 2001, while serving as Captain of the Port New York, Rear Admiral Bennis organized the extraordinary waterborne evacuation of nearly 500,000 people from lower Manhattan after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Rear Admiral Bennis served honorably in the Coast Guard for 30 years until his retirement in 2002.

About Tradepoint Atlantic:

The 3,300-acre multimodal logistics and industrial center in Baltimore, Md., offers a gateway to U.S. domestic and global markets, featuring an unmatched combination of access to deep water berths, rails and highways. At Tradepoint Atlantic, industry is set in motion with the financial backing of investment firms including Redwood Capital Investments and Hilco Global, as well as the robust support of local and state government which enable the redevelopment of the site. At full buildout, Tradepoint Atlantic is projected to generate 11,000 permanent jobs, \$2.9 billion in annual economic impact and add a point to Maryland's gross domestic product as one of North America's most strategic commercial gateways. From here, world-class companies unleash their potential, jobs are created, communities prosper and industry is set in motion. For more information visit www.tradepointatlantic.com.

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