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New Cruise Terminal Receives National Award

Augments Successful Initial Year in New, Dedicated Facility

BALTIMORE, MD – The new cruise terminal at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore has enjoyed a successful first year in operation, including sold-out cruises and strong interest already for 2007 bookings. Now, add one more tribute—winning a national award. The cruise terminal has won Project of the Year in the Design Category by the STV Group, a national leader in the planning and design of facilities, infrastructure, and transportation systems.

“We are exceedingly proud to have received this recognition for our new passenger cruise terminal,” said Brooks Royster, Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration. “This cruise facility has made cruising out of the Port of Baltimore more convenient and accessible. It has also made this Port a more attractive participant in the cruise business. With this cruise terminal, the Port of Baltimore has taken a giant step forward to being known as a cruise port.”

The new, dedicated cruise terminal at the Port’s South Locust Point Terminal opened on May 10 with a ribbon cutting ceremony lead by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Two days later, the first cruise ship of the 2006 season arrived. Approximately 30 cruises will depart Baltimore during this cruise season.

The 60,000 square-foot facility is equipped with more than 500 parking spaces located adjacent to the terminal. Located less than five minutes from downtown Baltimore, it is ideally positioned about 100 yards right off Interstate 95, with easy drop-off and pick-up access.

The STV Group has been ranked 56th by Engineering News-Record, in its Top 500 Design Firms survey and 12th in the transportation category. The recognition for design was one of seven awards given out in STV’s second annual “Project of the Year” award.

For more information on Maryland’s cruise industry go to www.cruisemaryland.com.

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