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## **PRIVATE SECTOR PORT COALITION CHANGES NAME TO BALTIMORE PORT ALLIANCE**

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- The Private Sector Port Coalition is getting a new name -- it will now be called the Baltimore Port Alliance (BPA). The announcement was made last evening during a legislative reception sponsored by the group in Annapolis.

“We feel the name Baltimore Port Alliance best represents the public and private sectors that are a part of our group,” said George “Bud” Nixon, chairman of the BPA. “The BPA was initiated as a means of communication between various entities that make up the port community--- mariners, tugboat operators, ship repair agents, union and non-union personnel, as well as other maritime businesses. We meet monthly and discuss issues that affect our businesses and livelihoods.”

With about 150 members, the BPA is a non-profit association whose mission is to improve the Port of Baltimore by creating a forum where information that impacts the Port community can be presented in a constructive environment and acted upon in support of the members and the Port as a whole. The BPA was founded in the early 1980’s.

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