MARAD Awards More Than $280 Million in Grants for Nation's Ports

WASHINGTON – The Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced on Feb. 14 that it has awarded more than $280 million in grants through the new Port Infrastructure Development Program. This funding is designed to improve port facilities at or near coastal seaports.

"Ports are gateways to the world and port infrastructure investments will improve the regional economy, increase productivity and economic competitiveness and create more jobs," U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao said.

The Port Infrastructure Development Program supports efforts by ports and industry stakeholders to improve facility and freight infrastructure to ensure U.S. freight transportation needs – present and future – are met. The program provides capital financing and project management assistance to improve port capacity and efficiency.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to work more directly with America's ports to enhance their facilities," Maritime Administrator Mark H. Buzby said. "The grants awarded will ensure that these facilities are operating at their highest, most productive capacities."

The grant recipients were:

- Anchorage
- Long Beach, California
- Los Angeles
- Cape Canaveral, Florida
- Miami-Dade County, Florida
- Savannah, Georgia

- LaPlace, Louisiana
- Duluth, Minnesota
- Harrison County, Mississippi
- Cleveland
- Toledo, Ohio
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Corpus Christi, Texas
- Houston
- Milwaukee