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CONTRACTOR FOR NEW PORT OF BALTIMORE AUTO BERTH WINS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Corman Marine Construction Honored

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- Corman Marine Construction, the Baltimore-based contractor who built a new auto berth last year at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore's Masonville/Fairfield Terminal, received the 2014 Project of the Year Award by the Pile Driving Contractors Association in the marine project category for projects with budgets ranging from two to five million dollars.

"The new Masonville/Fairfield auto berth was constructed with tomorrow's bigger and heavier vehicles in mind," said Maryland Port Administration Executive Director James J. White. "The Port of Baltimore is the number one ranked auto port in the nation. We knew that to continue growing our auto business we needed to invest in our current infrastructure."

The new berth replaced an old auto berth that had been in service for 70 years and was only capable of supporting 100 pounds per square foot. The new berth at 1,175 feet in length is nearly 300 feet longer than the old berth and at 130 feet wide is 20 feet wider. The new berth can support 1,000 pounds per square foot. The new berth is also equipped to handle rail transport.

In 2014, the Port of Baltimore handled 792,795 automobiles and light trucks, the highest among all U.S. ports for the fourth consecutive year. Additionally, 259,312 cars were exported from Baltimore, another record for the fourth straight year.

In addition to the landside construction, Corman Marine also dredged the berth. The berth is equipped with new waterlines, storm drains, a personnel access platform, moorings, and a new ro/ro ramp.

The total cost for the pile driving was \$2.5 million. The final cost for the entire project was \$22 million.

The Port of Baltimore had a record year in 2014 and saw 29.5 million tons of international cargo cross its docks at a value of nearly \$53 billion. Baltimore is ranked as the top port among all U.S. ports for handling autos and light trucks, farm and construction machinery, imported forest products, imported sugar, and imported aluminum. Overall Baltimore is ranked ninth for the total dollar value of cargo and 13th for cargo tonnage for all U.S. ports.

Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, while about 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

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