

Broadwater Takes Helm As Port's Acting Executive Director

Today, I am announcing the appointment of M. Kathleen Broadwater as the Acting Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). I have the highest confidence in Kathy Broadwater, who has served as the MPA Deputy Executive Director for Planning and Finance since 2001. She has more than 25 years of experience in the maritime industry, and was the principal architect of MPA's highly successful strategic plan. Please give Kathy Broadwater your support.

I want to publicly thank James J. White for his many years of service to the MPA and the citizens of Maryland. I wish him the best of professional success and personal happiness.

The employees at the Maryland Port Administration can be very proud of our accomplishments over the past two years. These include:

- Long-term contracts with the likes of Mercedes and UPM-Kymmene;

- Improved container operations with the purchase of six additional rubber-tired gantry cranes, doubling capacity;
- Construction of new warehouse sheds for forest product customers;
- A new dedicated cruise terminal to improve cruise operations and free needed space at Dundalk Marine Terminal for cargo;
- New funding added for critical dredging projects;
- A 25 percent increase in capital investment at the Port.

In closing, let me assure you that Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and I remain deeply committed to the Port of Baltimore. The Port is an economic engine for the State of Maryland. We will do our best to continue to build a healthy and robust Port of Baltimore as the Port enters its 300th year.



KATHY BERGEN SMITH

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