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### **MARITIME EXCHANGE VP LISA HIMBER APPOINTED TO NATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Richard E. DeGennaro, Chairman of the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, recently announced that Vice President Lisa B. Himber has been appointed by DHS Secretary Tom Ridge to serve on the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee. The Maritime Exchange is a not for profit trade association representing the interests of port and related businesses in the tri-state region.

“This appointment will undoubtedly be of great benefit to the Maritime Exchange, its members, and the Delaware River port business community as a whole,” DeGennaro said. “In addition, Lisa’s participation in this group will help ensure the DHS is well apprised of maritime industry concerns.”

The advisory committee, as mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, is charged to provide advice to the Department of Homeland Security on matters such as national maritime security strategy and policy, actions required to meet current and future security threats, international cooperation on security issues, and security concerns of the maritime transportation industry.

“Maritime Exchange members have a great deal at stake in homeland security issues...each new regulation enacted in the name of security brings with it a host of challenges that industry and government must work together to overcome. I am extremely pleased to have the opportunity to work with Coast Guard and DHS on these important issues,” Himber said.

The committee will consist of 21 members, and Himber will represent the Port Management/Port Authority Sector. Her term expires in December 2008.

“I am certain Ms. Himber’s knowledge and vast experience in the maritime industry will provide Secretary Ridge with essential insight into the issue of port security,” said Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo (R-NJ), who chairs the House Subcommittee On Coast Guard And Maritime Transportation. In addition, Delaware Senators Joe Biden and Tom Carper and Congressman Mike Castle signed a joint letter supporting her nomination to the committee, saying “Ms. Himber has been a strong advocate for the business community along the Delaware River, particularly through her efforts in leading the implementation of a number of new security measures.” And in Pennsylvania, Congressman Curt Weldon cited the need for the ideal candidate to have a practical understanding of the complexity of working with various federal state and local agencies as well as national customs and security affairs. “Ms. Himber [will] bring to the Committee her wealth of experience in these areas ...,” he said.

On behalf of Secretary Tom Ridge, Admiral Thomas H. Collins, commandant of the Coast Guard said, "We look forward to working with the Committee to continue strengthening our efforts to protect our ports and waterways while keeping them open for commerce."

Other members of the committee are listed on the Coast Guard [press release](#).

Lisa Humber was appointed Vice President of the Maritime Exchange in December, 1995 and is charged with carrying out Exchange policy associated with the achievement of the organization's mission to promote commerce on the Delaware River and Bay. She is directly responsible for the successful identification, implementation, and management of Maritime Exchange information technology projects, government affairs and public policy initiatives, membership programs and services, communications and public relations, and organizational administrative policies and procedures.

Ms. Humber is the Immediate Past President of Maritime Information Services of North America (MISNA). She serves as Vice President of the Seamen's Center of Wilmington and chairs the Customs Committee of the National Association of Maritime Organizations. In addition, she leads the Credentialing Committee of the MSO/Group Philadelphia Area Maritime Security Committee.

Other professional affiliations include the American Association of Port Authorities Information Technology Committee; the Customs Electronic Systems Advisory Committee and the Customs ACE Trade Support Network, where she serves on the working groups associated with the development the Multi-Modal Manifest data elements and the International Trade Data System, a project which would centralize international trade data processing for 104 federal agencies.

Ms. Humber holds a B.A. from the University of Delaware and lives in Wilmington, Delaware.

*The Maritime Exchange is a non-profit trade association representing almost 300 port and related businesses throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Since its establishment in 1872, the Maritime Exchange has served as the primary port advocate on behalf of these businesses, working closely with federal, state and local governmental agencies as well as the tri-state federal congressional delegation to promote commerce along the Delaware River and Bay.*

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