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### **SLSDC Announces Robert J. Lewis Seaway Pacesetter Award Recipients**

Four U.S. Great Lakes ports and one terminal have been tapped to receive the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation's (SLSDC) Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter Award for the 2002 navigation season. Competition is restricted to American ports and terminals in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System, and requires that recipients register increases in international overseas cargo tonnage shipped through the Seaway over the previous navigation season.

Accomplishing this feat last navigation season were the Port of Milwaukee, WI; Ports of Indiana-Burns Harbor/Portage, IN; Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, OH; Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, NY; and Lake Superior Warehousing Company in Duluth, MN.

"Posting growth figures last year was an uphill battle throughout the System, so this award is a tribute to the excellent management displayed at these ports and this terminal," said SLSDC Administrator Albert Jacquez. "The common denominator among the winners is a superb workforce and determined commitment to customer satisfaction."

The ports that posted increased tonnage in 2002 were: Ogdensburg with a 34 percent increase, Milwaukee with a 25 percent increase, Cleveland with an 18 percent increase, and Burns Harbor/Portage with a 3 percent increase. Lake Superior Warehousing Terminal posted a 29 percent jump. Burns Harbor led all ports in tonnage handled with more than 922,000 short tons shipped.

Originally known as the Pacesetter Award, its name was officially changed to honor the contributions made by former longtime SLSDC trade development specialist Robert Lewis. The award has been a fixture in the System's maritime community since its inception in 1992. Once restricted to ports, competition was opened to U.S. Great Lakes terminals in 1999.

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