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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER VISITORS' CENTER TO OPEN FOR SEASON

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation announced today the Dwight D. Eisenhower Visitors' Center, located at the U. S. Eisenhower Lock, will open on Friday, May 23, 2014 and remain open daily, including weekends, through Labor Day, September 1, 2014. The Visitors' Center hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and it is free to the public.

The Seaway Visitors' Center at the Eisenhower Lock provides tourists and ship watchers with an observation deck where they can view commercial vessels and cruise ships from around the world as they transit the lock. Guides are available to provide additional information to tourists. Hundreds of ships from all over the world transit the St. Lawrence Seaway annually. They carry a wide variety of cargoes including grains, iron ore, coal, steel stone, steel slabs, and project cargoes.

The Greater Massena Chamber of Commerce will operate a gift shop featuring items from local vendors, souvenirs, gifts and Seaway memorabilia as well as provide tourist information to visiting guests. The gift shop will be open Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Due to security measures, visitors are asked to leave all packages, bags, backpacks etc. in their vehicles. For those necessary items that need to be carried into the viewing area, visitors may be asked to present them for inspection or have them checked by a metal detecting wand. This will be conducted at a checkpoint upon entering the Visitors' Center area from the parking lot. The Center may periodically close to visitors at the discretion of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The Center is located off Route 37 in Massena, N.Y. Turn right at the traffic light at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall main entrance if approaching westbound or left if heading eastbound. The Visitors' Center entrance is 1.5 miles on the right.

For up-to-date information on estimated vessel transit times, call (315) 769-2422 for a voice recording of that day's projected lockage schedule. Additional information is on the website at <http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/navigating/map/index.html>. This map updates every 15 minutes with details on ships currently in transit within the Seaway System. To receive specific lock information, visit the Vessel Transit Information page (<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/R2/jsp/R2.jsp?language=E&loc=VT00.jsp>) and pull down the Order of Turn information. This offers real-time information on vessels preparing to enter any of the locks.

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