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Port of Pensacola joins Green Marine's ranks

Pensacola, FL, December 7, 2020 – The Port of Pensacola on the Gulf of Mexico is the newest Green Marine participant and the third Florida port authority to become part of the largest voluntary environmental certification program for North America's maritime industry.

"Joining a key stewardship program such as Green Marine is consistent with the directed goals of sustainable development identified in the Port's renewed vision plan" said Port Director Amy S. Miller. The vision plan, adopted in 2019, seeks to establish a hybrid port, balancing clean cargo seaport trades with new investment geared to creative knowledge and expertise.

"We are committed to achieving a revitalized, sustainable Port of Pensacola and securing longterm economic and social benefits to Northwest Florida, added Miller. We will accomplish this by safeguarding core maritime infrastructure and activities while engaging with the community."

"We're so pleased to welcome the Port of Pensacola into the Green Marine program where it can benchmark its progress along with more than 50 other U.S. and Canadian ports," said David Bolduc, Green Marine's executive director. "The Port of Pensacola is already conveying its genuine commitment to sustainability through its vision plan inclusive of science, technology, education, research, and blue economy."

Green Marine offers a step-by-step roadmap for port authorities, terminal operators, shipping lines and shipyard managers to voluntarily and measurably reduce their environmental footprint. The comprehensive program addresses key environmental issues using 13 performance indicators that include lowering air emissions, minimizing community impacts, and demonstrating environmental leadership.

"I am proud of the Port of Pensacola and its leadership for taking this proactive step toward becoming a more sustainable port," Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson said. "I look forward to seeing progress as the Port of Pensacola continues to develop and make positive contributions to the Pensacola community and beyond."

The Green Marine certification process is rigorous and transparent. Results are independently verified every two years and each company's individual results are published annually and made available on line at <u>www.green-marine.org/certification/results/</u>.

About the Port of Pensacola

The Port of Pensacola, strategically positioned along the northern Gulf of Mexico, is Northwest Florida's most diverse and business focused deep-water port. Port Pensacola is a full-service port offering stevedore and marine terminal services for all descriptions of bulk, break-bulk, unitized freight, and special project cargo. Additionally, offshore vessel marine maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services are also delivered by Port tenants and business partners. The Port of Pensacola's motto is "big enough for any requirement but small enough to know you" and the Port makes sure its clients' goals are priority number #1.

Green Marine overview

Established in 2007, Green Marine is a leading North American environmental certification program for the maritime transportation industry. The program stems from the maritime industry's voluntary initiative to surpass regulatory requirements. There are currently more than 125 companies – ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators and shipyard managers – from coast to coast in Canada and the United States participating in the program. The program's unique character derives from the support earned from more than 65 environmental organizations, scientific research programs and government agencies. These supporters contribute to shaping and revising the program.

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