Virginia Maritime Association "Voice of the Port"



House Appropriations Committee

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VMA's Mission

"PROMOTE, PROTECT, **AND ENCOURAGE** WATERBORNE COMMERCE **THROUGH THE PORTS OF VIRGINIA**"



VMA Structure & Priorities



- Membership of over 400 companies with more than <u>70,000</u> employees in Virginia
- Facilitating Commerce & Port Competitiveness
- Education & Awareness of the Port
- Information Services
- Industry Watchdog and Advocate

Port Economic Contribution



343,000 Port and Port-Related Jobs = 9% of Virginia's Workforce

\$41 Billion in Annual Economic Impact

\$13.5 Billion in Annual Employee

Compensation

\$1.2 Billion in Annual State and Local Taxes

Port Economic Contribution



Selected Distribution Facilities Using The Port of Virginia



Recent Port Governance Changes



Virginia Port Authority

In 2011, Governor McDonnell replaced 10 of the 11 members of the VPA governing board.

Virginia International Terminals Following the above change, the VIT Board of Directors added two members from new VPA Board to its membership.**

** All VIT net revenue is returned annually to the VPA to pay for VPA operations and debt service.

APM Terminals Virginia Lease



- In 2010, the VPA signed a 20-year lease to operate APM's terminal in Virginia.
- Sublease Restriction Clause According to the lease, the VPA may not grant operating rights to that facility to any other bidder without APMT's consent.
- APMT is the only party that can bid for 100% of the Port's container business, diminishing the State's negotiating position.

VMA Membership Survey



How would this change in terminal operations affect the Port's shipping customers?



VMA Membership Survey



Generally speaking, are you for or against the proposed change in the operation of the stateowned terminals?



Ocean Carrier Letters



Eleven steamship line customers submitted letters objecting to the APMT proposal or cautioning that business may be driven to competing ports should APMT be selected as the preferred bidder.

The media has reported that three steamship lines submitted letters without objection to the proposal; however, these letters have not been publicly released.

Ocean Carrier Letters



"By allowing this concession to be held by one single, private, foreign entity we believe that you will be causing irreparable harm to the future of the Port of Virginia. This monopoly will clearly be an obstacle to transparency in port operations and competitive, market based pricing. As COSCO, we believe that we will be disadvantaged if we continue to call our services at the Port of Virginia in Norfolk."

– Liu Han Bo, President, COSCO Container Lines America, Inc.

"We are gravely disturbed that assigning control of all of the container terminals in Hampton Roads to a division of AP Moller-Maersk Group will result in a preference for Maersk Line and prejudice against its competition. We do not believe that there could be a level playing field and fair competition for all other containership operators. These concerns are not solely focused upon pricing but also included potential conflicts of interest with berthing priorities and day to day operational decisions."

- Kazuhiro Matsukawa, President & CEO, "K" Line America, Inc.

Process Issues

PPTA Published Milestones

- Commonwealth accepts APMT proposal and issues request for alternative proposals
- Commonwealth accepts alternative proposals
- Proprietary meetings and negotiations begin
- Detailed proposals due
- Preferred proposer announced
- VPA Board briefed on major business terms
- PPTA audit complete
- Financial Close

May 23, 2012

August 22, 2012 September, 2012 October 5, 2012 October 15, 2012 November 27, 2012 Late 2012/Early 2013 Late 2012/Early 2013



Process Issues



The Commonwealth is considering a long-term, major privatization of a significant state asset without 1) first undertaking a formal evaluation and valuation of the asset itself and then 2) making recommendations based upon such an evaluation.

Before the Commonwealth considers privatization, any specific problems at the Port should be formally identified, and recommendations should be made as to why privatization is the appropriate solution to those specific problems.

The current process is moving at an unprecedented pace and lacks stakeholder support.

Final Thoughts



August container volumes were up 24% over August, 2011. The August increase follows the Port's best May, June and July on record.

The VMA and the maritime community supports change that improves competitiveness and brings business to Virginia. We stand ready to help.



THANK YOU

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