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## David Fennelly chosen as recipient of the 2014 C. Alvin Bertel Award

New Orleans, LA- The World Trade Center of New Orleans today announced that David Fennelly, Director of Associated Terminals LLC and Turn Services LLC, is the recipient of the 2014 C. Alvin Bertel Award. The C. Alvin Bertel Award was established in 1967 and is presented each year to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Louisiana port community.

Mr. Fennelly became co-founder of Associated Terminals in 1991, which began as a broker of stevedoring services on the Lower Mississippi River. Turn Services was acquired in 2004 with David becoming Chairman of the company. This expanded the Group's marine service offering to include towing and fleeting services.

Under Mr. Fennelly's watch, The Associated Terminals and Turn Services Group of companies have grown into one of the premier providers of marine services in the Gulf South Region. Its primary concentration is focused on the Lower Mississippi River from the mouth of the river up to and including Baton Rouge. Presently, the companies employ in excess of 650 individuals, trans-load over 24 million tons of cargo annually, and transport and fleet tens of thousands of barge loads of cargo each year for customers across the United States and all over the world.

"David Fennelly is a prized member of our maritime community and more than deserving of this award." said David Kearney, Chairman of the WTCNO and the C. Alvin Bertel Award Selection Committee. Dominik Knoll, WTCNO CEO added: "A true and trusted friend, David Fennelly is passionate about our State's maritime industry, and we look forward to celebrating this honor with him. I am very happy for him to be this year's recipient."

Mr. Fennelly serves as Member of the Board of Directors for the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce, the Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region, the World Trade Center of New Orleans, Nunez Community College Foundation, GNO, Inc., and the New Heights Therapeutic Riding Center. In 2007, Fennelly was honored as the Propeller Club Maritime Person of the Year.

## About the C. Alvin Bertel Award

The C. Alvin Bertel Award was established in 1967 and is presented each year to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Louisiana port community. The award recipient is selected by a committee of eleven international trade, transportation, and economic development organizations in the New Orleans area. Nominating organizations include the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, City of New Orleans, International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association, Louisiana Maritime Association, Jefferson Parish, New Orleans Board of Trade, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Plaquemines Port, Harbor, & Terminal District, Port of South Louisiana, St. Bernard Port, Harbor, & Terminal District, and the World Trade Center of New Orleans.

The WTCNO will host an award luncheon on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Sheraton New Orleans. For additional information, please contact the World Trade Center of New Orleans at (504) 529-1601 or email info@wtcno.org.

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The World Trade Center of New Orleans (WTCNO) is one of the strongest international business organizations in the Gulf Coast region, consisting of 1,000+ companies as well as high profile individual members. This membership base represents a diverse group of industry leaders, companies, professional organizations, and government institutions that include manufacturers, energy, agriculture, maritime, digital media, foreign consulates, and other interests. In 2013, member organizations were able to significantly contribute to the state's record-breaking exports, the total value of which exceeded \$63.1 billion. This strong international organization creates a variety of opportunities for its stakeholders with the objective to add wealth to its community as well as create jobs through international trade and related services while fostering business and economic development by engaging in allied activities.