



ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY RECOGNIZED FOR OVERALL PORT PRODUCTIVITY

Mobile, Ala. – December 17, 2019. The *Journal of Commerce* recognized the Alabama State Port Authority and its partner, APM Terminals, for productivity achievements during its annual Port Performance North America conference held December 11 in Newark, New Jersey. The Alabama State Port Authority received Most Improved Port Performance Overall in North America for the 2017-2018 cycle. APM Terminals Mobile came in second overall for Most Improved Terminal in North America.

Based on port productivity data, the Journal of Commerce annually recognizes productivity for the top three North American container ports, the top three North American container port terminals and the top three container ports overall and top three container berths during the past year. The Alabama State Port Authority deputy director, Rick Clark, accepted the most improved port overall award and Wim Lagaay, president and chief executive officer for APM Terminals, accepted the second most improved port terminal award for APM Terminals Mobile. Since its opening in 2008, Alabama's container terminal at the Port of Mobile has been recognized for overall containerized cargo growth amongst North American ports, including fastest growth port in 2016, top five fastest growth ports in 2017 and fastest growth import port in 2018.

"We're extremely pleased to see volume and carrier growth at Alabama's only seaport, and it's gratifying to be recognized by our industry peers," said James K. Lyons, director and chief executive officer for the Alabama State Port Authority. "Our terminal investments, the state's commitment to harbor modernization, and added ocean carrier services for crucial trade lanes ensure Alabama shippers receive efficient and cost competitive service out of the Port of Mobile."

The Alabama State Port Authority represents the State of Alabama's public, deep-water terminals serving general cargo, container, over-dimensional and bulk cargoes supporting over 134,600 jobs and \$22.4 billion in economic impact to the state. The public terminals have immediate access to two interstate systems, five (5) Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. Learn more at www.asdd.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlabamaStatePortAuth

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