

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Item No.** 6a

**Date of Meeting** January 13, 2009

**DATE:** January 7, 2009

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Kurt Beckett, Managing Director, External Affairs

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Port Awards

**BACKGROUND**

The Port of Seattle received eighteen major awards in 2008 recognizing achievements in a number of areas but particularly noteworthy were the eight awards recognizing the Port's environmental leadership or accomplishments. These awards were especially welcome given the Port's focus and signature, "Where a Sustainable World is Headed." The Port also received the Patriot Award signifying our support of employees who serve in the National Guard and the Reserve.

Five awards deserve special mention:

- The American Association of Port Authorities' (AAPA) **Comprehensive Environmental Management Award** awarded jointly to the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Metro Vancouver for cooperation on the "Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy."
- The Airports Council International-North America's (ACI-NA) **Environmental Achievement Award** recognizing the airport's Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program.
- The **Richard A. Griesbach Award of Excellence** in the 2007 Airport Concessions Contest sponsored by ACI-NA for the excellent mix of national, regional and local products available throughout the airport.
- The Government Finance Officers Association's **Distinguished Budget Award** and **Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting**.