

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

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Item No. 4b

Date of Meeting January 24, 2012

DATE: January 12, 2012

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Patricia Akiyama, Director, Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Special Order of Business - 2011 Awards Received by the Port

BACKGROUND:

The Port of Seattle had a very productive year in 2011, as evidenced by several major awards received in recognition of achievements in a number of areas. Particularly noteworthy were the awards for the port's environmental leadership, centennial products and financial reporting. In all, the port received 14 awards. Below is a brief summary of awards that deserve special attention, and a comprehensive list.

Environmental:

Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2040 Award - for the Clean Air Strategy implemented by the ports of Tacoma and Seattle, recognizing innovative projects and programs that help ensure a sustainable future as the region grows.

Airports Council International – North America, Environmental Achievement Award – Special/Innovative Projects, for Sustainable Aviation Fuels Northwest Program

Seattle Business Magazine Green 50 Award – Presented to the top 50 most sustainably operated companies and organizations in Washington. The Port of Seattle was named for top honors among 14 organizations in the state.

Financial Reporting:

Government Finance Officers Association - Excellence in Financial Reporting Award – The Accounting and Financial Reporting Department has won this recognition for the sixth consecutive year.

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Government Finance Officers Association - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award – The Finance and Budget Department has won this recognition for its budget document for four consecutive years.

Centennial Products:

American Association of Port Authorities Communications Excellence Award – for the interactive Centennial Map and Timeline

American Association of Port Authorities Communications Excellence Award – for the centennial documentary, “Voices of the Port,” celebrating the port’s centennial

Other 2011 awards include:

American Association of Port Authorities Comprehensive Environmental Management Award

American Association of Port Authorities Stakeholder Awareness, Education and Involvement Award for the Terminal 117 Cleanup Plan and Community Involvement program

enterpriseSeattle Diamond Award for Special Achievement – Presented in the Innovative Program Commuter Challenge category for Sea-Tac Airport’s commute-trip reduction efforts

King County Solid Waste Division’s Best Workplace Recycling Award Honor Roll – for Sea-Tac Airport’s recycling program

Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star Designation for Port of Seattle Headquarters energy saving programs

Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Achievement Award – presented to the ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Metro Port Vancouver recognizing the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy for innovative techniques that reduce or prevent air pollution or waste

Pacific Northwest International Section of the Air and Waste Management Association, Environmental Achievement Award – recognizing the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy

International Academy of Visual Arts 17th Annual Communicator Awards, Award of Excellence – for the interactive Centennial Map and Timeline celebrating the port’s centennial

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SPECIAL ORDER:

PowerPoint presentation.