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SUBJ: 2012 WILLIAM M. BENKERT ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

1. THE U.S. COAST GUARD IS SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FROM THE MARINE INDUSTRY FOR THE BIENNIAL REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM M. BENKERT, MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE. THIS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN MARINE FACILITY OR VESSEL OPERATIONS THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PROTECTING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. IT ALSO ENCOURAGES INNOVATIONS IN OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, CARGO HANDLING, REFUELING, TRAINING, AND PROVIDES A MEANS FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS TO SHARE THEIR SUCCESSFUL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES WITH OTHERS IN THE MARITIME COMMUNITY.

2. THE PREVIOUS BENKERT AWARD CEREMONY WAS HELD DURING THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE (API) TANKER CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO, CA IN DECEMBER OF 2010. WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2012 AWARD CEREMONY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HELD DURING THE API TANKER CONFERENCE, THIS YEAR IN ORLANDO, FL, ON MAY 21-22, 2012. AS A REFERENCE, THE 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. OSPREY:

ALASKA CHADUX CORPORATION, ANCHORAGE, AK

B. GOLD:

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINES, MIAMI, FL
MARATHON PETROLEUM, NASHVILLE, TN
HOLLAND AMERICA, SEATTLE, WA

C. BRONZE:

PACIFIC WHALE FOUNDATION, WAILUKU, HI
GENERAL DYNAMICS NASSCO SAN DIEGO, CA

D. HONORABLE MENTION:

EAGLE MARINE SERVICES SAN PEDRO, CA

3. DISTRICTS, SECTORS, MARINE SAFETY UNITS AND DETACHMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORWARD THIS SOLICITATION TO THE MARINE INDUSTRY IN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY BY MEANS DEEMED MOST EFFECTIVE. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM DECEMBER 01, 2011 TO MARCH 01, 2012. POTENTIAL APPLICANTS SHOULD VISIT THE AWARD WEBSITE FOR GUIDELINES ON APPLICATION ENTRIES AT [HTTP://HOMEPORT.USCG.MIL/BENKERT](http://homeport.uscg.mil/benkert) (ALL LOWERCASE).

4. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE ALSO DISSEMINATED VIA CG HOMEPORT, EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS, AND NATIONAL MARITIME INDUSTRY WEB SITES AND BLOGS. FURTHER DISSEMINATION AT THE REGIONAL AND PORT LEVEL IN A SIMILAR FASHION IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

5. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR COMMENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR LT EVELYNN SAMMS AT (202) 372-1225 OR VIA E-MAIL: [EVELYNN.B.SAMMS\(AT\)USCG.MIL](mailto:EVELYNN.B.SAMMS(AT)USCG.MIL).

6. RADM JAMES WATSON, DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION POLICY (CG-54) SENDS.

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