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Researchers To Unveil Latest Innovations in Maritime Goods Movement

Dec. 2007—A small research group in Long Beach wants to revolutionize how goods are shipped. On Jan. 16, they will unveil their latest findings aboard the RMS Queen Mary.

The Center for Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies (CCDoTT) will showcase their latest maritime innovations at the all-day conference. Magnetic-levitation freight systems, innovative ship propulsion, and a full-blown agile port demonstration will highlight CCDoTT's conference, named IMPACT 2008.

Keynote speaker John Vickerman, founding principal of TranSystems Corp., will speak about the future of the maritime industry. Vickerman is an internationally renowned expert on cargo ports.

As CCDoTT's Managing Director, Stan Wheatley has been the guiding vision for the comprehensive, innovative research projects designed to enhance military goods movement and also to be useful in the civilian sector. "Our research represents a win-win for everyone in the U.S.," said Wheatley. Having joined the maritime industry in 1947, Wheatley should be a good judge of both.

Newest Innovations. Other presentations at the conference will detail the latest findings in the following areas:

- the first operational study of a complete West Coast short sea shipping (ferry boat) service;
- the first serious look at the use of heavy-lift aircraft aboard a sea base;
- the first comprehensive assessment of emergency port disruption on the U.S. logistics system.

The Office of Naval Research is expected to adopt and advance several of CCDoTT's innovations within the foreseeable future. Both state and federal legislators are strong proponents of CCDoTT's mag-lev system. Funds for the program come from the federal defense budgets.

Top-level military logistics strategists will attend the January 16 sessions. The civilian maritime community is also invited to attend IMPACT 2008, along with planners, researchers, public policy strategists, and others interested in improved military and civilian goods movement. Admission to the event is complimentary. Advance registration is required and a small parking fee will be assessed by the Queen Mary.

For more information, consult the website, www.ccdott.org or phone (562) 985-7395.

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