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### PORT OF LOS ANGELES RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR CRUISE CENTER, PIER 400



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**SAN PEDRO, CA** – The most recent of various awards accepted by the Port of Los Angeles for its exemplary projects and initiatives are the Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) 2003 Facilities Engineering Awards. The coveted awards were presented to the Port for successful projects in the large and special project categories for its World Cruise Center Renovation and Pier 400 Phase I Terminal and Transportation Corridor, respectively.

“We are honored to receive these awards and be recognized by our peers,” said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller. “Both of the winning projects typify our distinctive approach, history of leadership and have made the Port of Los Angeles a frontrunner in shipping and cruising for our customers.”

In the large project category, the Port of Los Angeles received the award for its \$21 million renovation and expansion of the World Cruise Center. Involvements include interior and exterior upgrades to accommodate efficient passenger processing and adherence to stringent, post-9/11 security requirements required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The World Cruise Center’s state-of-the-art security processing makes the facility the most secure cruise terminal on the West Coast.

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In the Special Project Category, the \$818 million Pier 400 Terminal and Transportation Corridor Program project set the standard for efficient terminal operations. To complete the first phase of the 484-acre terminal project, detailed terminal description and design, as well as aggressive planning, management and construction were required. One remarkable aspect of the project is that only 1.8 percent of change orders occurred during construction, an amazing feat for a project of this proportion.

The AAPA Facilities Engineering Awards Program recognizes excellence, innovation and performance by port engineering professionals. The Port of Los Angeles won in two of three obtainable categories. These latest awards contribute to other accolades received by the Port for outstanding engineering.

In February 2003, Dream World Cruise Destinations Magazine named the Port's World Cruise Center "most improved terminal facility," according to a global survey of ports and destinations.

Since its grand opening in August 2002, Pier 400 Phase I has received honors from the American Public Works Association of Southern California, Western Council of Construction Consumers, Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California, American Council of Engineering Companies and California Engineering Geotechnical Association. The Harbor Association Annual Salute to Industry Awards Celebration also recognized the Port of Los Angeles in 2002, which considered Pier 400 a "Great Port Project."

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