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TO: Maritime Exchange Members

Unsung Hero Awards Nomination Period for 2019 Now Open

The Maritime Exchange is pleased to announce the nomination period for its 2019 Unsung Hero Award officially opened today, January 15. The program honors those who toil behind the scenes day in and day out to facilitate ships, cargos, and crews — but whose efforts go largely unrecognized.

Nomination submissions are due no later than COB Friday, February 15.

Program Guidelines

Who is eligible? Any employee or volunteer within any Maritime Exchange member company is eligible for nomination, except as noted below. Check [here](#) if you're unsure whether your proposed candidate is affiliated with a member company.

Selection criteria include:

- Individual is responsible for a proven achievement within his/her organization (e.g., new product or process that gains customers, saves money, etc., or development of a "best practice");
- Individual is an "up and comer" with a demonstrable fresh approach to service in the maritime industry; and/or
- Individual has served his/her organization with extraordinary dedication and distinction over a period of time.

Winners of previous port awards (for example, Seafarer's Friend, Spirit of the Port, Friend of Chile, Maritime Society or World Trade Association "people of the year") are NOT eligible for the Unsung Hero Award.

Who may submit nominations? Primary representatives of Exchange corporate member companies are welcome to submit nominations. Each member company is entitled to submit one nomination per award cycle. If you don't know the primary representative for your company, you can look it up [here](#).

How to Participate. Sponsors must download and complete a one-page nomination [form](#) and email the completed form to hero@maritimedelriv.com by February 15, 2019. No other form of entry is acceptable, and entries submitted on any others forms will be disqualified.

The Award. In addition to recognition at the Exchange's annual membership event in May, the sponsor, recipient, and his or her guest(s) will join the Maritime Exchange board of directors for a luncheon at Spasso Italian Grill. This year's hero will also be profiled in the Exchange newsletter, *The Beacon*.

Contact. Members with questions or who are unable to download the form or send it back via email should contact Beverly Ford at 267-670-7946 or bford@maritimedelriv.com.

The Maritime Exchange looks forward to joining its members in this celebration of Delaware River port community unsung heros!

Good Luck!

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