

**Balzano and McDermott Recognized as 2008 WTC Day Honorees;
Burt, Hill (Philadelphia, PA) and *Wheaton Industries* (Millville, NJ) Named
WTCGP Business Members of the Year**

On May 21, 2008, Joseph A. Balzano, executive director and CEO of South Jersey Port Corporation, and James T. McDermott Jr., executive director of Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, will be presented the World Trade Centers Day Awards for their contributions to the expansion of commerce in the Greater Philadelphia region and development of global partnerships.

Mr. Balzano, who has led the South Jersey Port Corporation (SJPC) since 1988, and Mr. McDermott, head of Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA) since 1994, share a vision for the Delaware River as "a highway to the world." The Delaware River does not divide Pennsylvania and New Jersey so much as serve as a common artery critical to the prosperity of the region in this age of economic globalization. Under Mr. Balzano's leadership, the SJPC, which is a quasi-state agency with the authority to build and operate marine terminals in the seven southern counties of New Jersey, has become the nation's number one plywood port and a leader in handling labor-intensive cargoes. Mr. McDermott has developed and implemented a capital program that, to date, has invested over \$75Million in the expansion and enhancement of the PRPA's facilities. He has directed an extensive international marketing program, which has made the Port of Philadelphia the gateway port in North America for a wide variety of cargoes.

In addition, the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia (WTCGP) will present the WTCGP Business Member of the Year Award to *Burt, Hill* in Pennsylvania and *Wheaton Industries, Inc.* in New Jersey.

Ranked the 19th largest architecture practice in the world, *Burt, Hill* employs more than 850 professionals in 13 locations in the U.S., India and the United Arab Emirates. *Burt, Hill* is a member of the WTCGP International Design and Engineering Consortium. As a result of its successes in international markets, *Burt, Hill* creates jobs in the Greater Philadelphia area and contributes to the U.S. growing services trade surplus.

Wheaton Industries is celebrating its 120th anniversary of providing quality products and services for the advancement of science. The company evolved from a local one-plant glass-making venture into a fully-integrated supplier of closures, containers, instruments, and apparatus for the global laboratory market. *Wheaton* is a member of the WTCGP CEOs' China Operations Club, and currently serves customers in more than 35 countries worldwide.

Event Details: World Trade Centers Day Dinner

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Union League, 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

The World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia, a non-profit organization and a licensed and certified member of the World Trade Centers Association (WTCA), provides international trade support to businesses in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. This relationship provides WTCGP members with access to innovative WTCA networking programs and World Trade Centers around the globe.

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