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### **Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Honors Employees for Years of Service**

Members of the U.S. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) workforce were recently recognized by SLSDC Administrator Betty Sutton during an awards ceremony held in Massena, N.Y. Corporation employees who have attained ‘years-of-service’ milestones for Seaway service and for Federal service were honored. Some employees have more years of Federal service than Seaway service because they have been employed in other federal positions, or they have been credited with Federal service for time served in the military. Veterans comprise approximately half of the Seaway workforce.

The SLSDC is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation and is a major employer in the North Country area. The mission of the SLSDC is to serve the marine transportation industry by providing a safe, secure, reliable, efficient, and competitive deep draft international waterway, in cooperation with Canada including performing trade development activities focused on economic development for the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System. The work performed by SLSDC employees keeps tens of millions of tons of cargo moving throughout the Seaway System. Administrator Sutton said, “Our employees provide quality service every day and make a tremendous difference for the area, and for our nation. It is my honor to commend them!”

The following SLSDC employees received recognition for their years of public service:

Michael Bouchard	5 years of Seaway service
Randy Gilmer	5 years of Seaway service
Amanda Helmer	5 years of Seaway service
Jeffrey Robert	5 years of Seaway service
Robert Roundpoint	5 years of Seaway service
Adam Schlicht	5 years of Seaway service
Robert Barkley	10 years of Federal service and 10 years of Seaway service
Donald Beckstead	10 years of Seaway service
Kristine Condon	10 years of Federal service
Shawn Cordwell	10 years of Seaway service
Jamie Currier	10 years of Seaway service
Louis Fiacco	10 years Federal service
Nathan Jarvis	10 years of Federal service and 10 years of Seaway service
John Lasker	10 years of Federal service
Carrie Lavigne	10 years of Seaway service
Scott Nelson	10 years of Federal service
Milford Phelix	10 years of Seaway service
Ryan Chatland	15 years of Federal service and 10 years of Seaway service
George Condon	15 years of Federal service and 5 years of Seaway service
Richard Downs	15 years of Federal service and 15 years of Seaway service





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Keith Ellis	15 years of Federal service
Lori Grenier	15 years of Federal service and 15 years of Seaway service
Rodney Herne	15 years of Federal service
Stephen McCargar	15 years of Federal service and 10 years of Seaway service
Nancy Scott	15 years of Federal service and 15 years of Seaway service
Gary Smoyer	15 years of Federal service and 15 years of Seaway service
Rebecca Yackley	15 years of Seaway service
Matthew Beamer	20 years of Seaway service
Fredrick Carter	20 years of Federal service and 20 years of Seaway service
Tammy Finnegan	20 years of Federal service
Craig Middlebrook	20 years of Seaway service
Robert Staires	20 years of Seaway service
Mary Hollomon	25 years of Federal service
James Houmiel	25 years of Seaway service
Kevin O'Malley	25 years of Seaway service
Christopher Phillips	25 years of Federal service and 25 years of Seaway service
Thomas Ritchie	25 years of Federal service and 25 years of Seaway service
Thomas Stearns	25 years of Federal service
Elaine LaLone	30 years of Federal service and 30 years of Seaway service
David LaVean	30 years of Federal service
Jeffrey Root	30 years of Federal service and 25 years of Seaway service
Peter Timmons	30 years of Federal service and 25 years of Seaway service
Thomas Lavigne	35 years of Federal service and 35 years of Seaway service
Charles Wipperfurth	35 years of Federal service
Larry Mattison	40 years of Federal service

The Seaway officially opened for the 2016 navigation season on March 23, 2016. The Visitors' Center at Eisenhower Lock opened on Friday, May 27, 2016. Last year there were approximately 57,000 visitors to the Lock, from 17 different countries and 43 states. Please call Vessel Information at 315-769-2422 for a daily schedule of ship transits. Additional information on ship transits and the Seaway can be found at: [www.greatlakes-seaway.com](http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com). Individuals interested in applying for jobs at SLSDC or any other federal agency can go to the USAJOBS web site (<http://www.usajobs.gov>).

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