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AAPA and Corps Partners Meet in Baltimore with Secretary Darcy

During a meeting of the AAPA and Army Corps Quality Partnership Initiative (QPI) hosted by the Port of Baltimore, Assistant Secretary of Army for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy presented the Coastal America President's Award for Coastal Resources Protection and Environmental Education to Maryland Secretary of Transportation Beverley Swaim-Staley and Executive Director for Maryland Port Administration Jim White for the Masonville Beneficial Use of Dredge Material Project. Also participating was Col. David Anderson, Baltimore District Engineer and Ms. Virginia Tippie, Executive Director of Coastal America.



Left to Right: Col. Anderson, Secretary Darcy, Secretary Swaim-Staley, Executive Director White, Executive Director Tippie
Photograph by Bill McAllen

Secretary Darcy and Corps Deputy Commander for Civil Works William Grisoli met with the QPI workgroup chaired by Frank Hamons, Port of Baltimore, to discuss follow-on items from Secretary Darcy's August 2010 listening session with port directors. The group including representatives from ports and Corps senior staff from across the country who addressed advancing improvement to the Corps' planning and project delivery process and needed streamlining of the regulatory permitting process. Secretary Darcy called on the ports to meet with her and General Grisoli on a regular basis through the QPI workgroup to track progress of performance improvement initiatives.