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Longtime friend and former PNWA colleague Dan James will soon join Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) as the new deputy administrator of the agency. Prior to his appointment, Dan worked for PNGC Power, where he served as the Vice President of Public Affairs and Marketing since 2007. PNWA members will know Dan from his role on the PNWA Executive Committee, his work as the PNWA Government Relations Director in the 1990s, and his time at Ball Janik. Dan will remain with PNGC Power through the end of May and start his new job at BPA at the end of June. PNWA looks forward to continuing to partner with Dan in supporting Northwest infrastructure.

PNWA would like to sincerely congratulate Dan on his appointment, and wish him the very best in this important new role.

Department of Homeland Security seeking comment on improvements to Maritime Supply Chain Security

The Department of Homeland Security has opened a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) to gather information from stakeholders and other interested parties on strategies to reduce the risk of nuclear or biological cargo from arriving at a U.S. port.

The deadline for the RFI is [June 6th](#). To help provide guidance on the process and to answer any questions, DHS is hosting a [webinar](#) on May 12 from 11:00am to 12:00p, EDT (8:00am-9:00am PDT).

MARAD funding opportunity announced

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has announced a [\\$5 million federal funding opportunity](#) for existing marine highways. Eligible projects must be designated by the Secretary of Transportation as specific Marine Highway Projects and sponsored by metropolitan planning organizations, state governments, port authorities or tribal governments.

The Marine Highway Program is led by the U.S. Department of Transportation with the goal of better integrating the nation's marine and surface transportation networks. The grant will be awarded to projects that have a public benefit, offer a lower cost alternative to land transportation, and have financial viability. Grants are due electronically through [grants.gov](#) by Friday, May 27th.

2016 Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund accepting applications

The Merchants Exchange of Portland is accepting applications for the 2016 Scholarship Fund until May 31st. To learn more and to apply, [click here](#). The mission of the Merchant Exchange Scholarship Fund is to support the educational goals of students seeking careers in Maritime Affairs and/or International Trade, in order to ensure the future prosperity of the Maritime industry.

Scholarship Details:

- * Awards up to \$2,000
- * Available to students studying Maritime Affairs and/or International Trade
- * Available to:
 - Junior or senior academic standing students enrolled in a 4-year college/university, or

- Freshman (first-year) or sophomore (second-year) students at a 2-year institutional degree program, or
- Graduate students

* Minimum 2.5 GPA

* Application closes May 31

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