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**CONGRESSMAN JAMES L. OBERSTAR
RECEIVES WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC.
LEADERSHIP SERVICE AWARD**

R. Barry Palmer, President and CEO of Waterways Council, Inc. (left), presents the Seventh Annual Waterways Council Leadership Service Award to Congressman James L. Oberstar (D-MN), Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, in Washington, DC.

Waterways Council's Leadership Service Award recognizes the steadfast commitment and efforts of individuals who have demonstrated strong leadership in support of America's inland navigation and port system.

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