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FALL WATERWAYS SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM/AGENDA FINALIZED **October 4-6, 2010, Saint Paul, MN**

Washington, DC – The program and agenda for the Seventh Annual Waterways Symposium and WCI Annual Meeting, sponsored by Waterways Council, Inc., Informa Economics and *The Waterways Journal*, has been finalized and online registration remains open. Early bird registration is \$595 through September 13, \$650 after September 13. Register today by visiting www.waterwayscouncil.org. The complete Symposium brochure is available online for review.

The Symposium will take place October 5-6, 2010 and will be preceded by WCI's Annual Meeting on October 4, 2010, at the Saint Paul Hotel in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Symposium will explore the array of obstacles and opportunities facing the inland waterways and inland waterways transportation.

U.S. grain and soybean exports for the 2010/11 crop year are surging to record levels. The surge is developing on crop concerns around the globe and improving demand prospects from many global areas, especially in Asia. With nearly half of all grain and soybean exports moving through the Center Gulf, this bodes well for the inland navigation industry. This and many other developments will be presented at the Annual Waterways Symposium.

Other topics will include updates and briefings on the Panama Canal expansion, the Transportation Forecast for Commodities, Operations & Maintenance of Critical Infrastructure, Asian Carp, the Missouri River, The Navigation & Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP), the latest from Capitol Hill, The Inland Waterways Capital Development Plan, and Telling the Maritime Story.

If you are involved with, depend on or interested in future opportunities on the inland waterways, you will not want to miss this year's symposium. Attendees typically include representatives from the shipping community, transportation providers, representatives from environmental and labor groups, investors, bankers, officials from ports and federal/state/local governments, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies, consultants, academics, and many more.

If you attend only one conference this year, make it the Waterways Symposium!

Waterways Council, Inc. is the national public policy organization advocating a modern and well-maintained national system of ports and inland waterways. The group is supported by waterways carriers, shippers, port authorities, shipping associations and waterways advocacy groups from all regions of the country. Visit www.waterwayscouncil.org