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The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative applauds the Government of Canada's investment of \$150 million to build the new Contrecoeur container terminal

Saint-Anicet, QC – October 11, 2023 – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative welcomes the federal government's investment of \$150 million to build a new container terminal for the Montreal Port Authority in the City of Contrecoeur.

The new terminal will increase the Port of Montreal's container capacity to meet growing freight needs, and help maintain the Port's overall activities.

"Another major milestone has been reached with this important announcement by the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Canada's Minister of Transport, to fund the Port of Montreal's Contrecoeur port terminal," says Maude Allaire, Mayor of Contrecoeur and active member of the Cities Initiative. "This new terminal is essential for the Government of Canada to improve the flow of our transportation and logistics network, and thus provide for the country's long-term supply chain. This major project will create many jobs during both the construction and operational phases."

This port expansion project will enable Canadian and Quebec companies to strengthen their links with global markets and remain competitive on the international stage. Once completed, the new terminal is expected to increase the annual value of imports and exports, generating up to \$140 million a year across the country.

"This investment confirms the important role played by the Port of Montreal in the growth and economic transformation of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin," explains Gino Moretti, Mayor of Saint-Anicet and Chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Alliance. "Our organization is proud to work closely with the maritime industry, and we continue to offer our support to advance the sustainable development of our \$7 trillion regional economy."

About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a multinational coalition led by mayors and chief elected officers working collaboratively to promote the environmental and socioeconomic health of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin for the benefit of current and future generations. With more than 250 member municipalities, the Cities Initiative is the largest municipally-driven organization in the basin.

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