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Pictured from left to right:

Gary Locke, U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Daniel Gardner, CEO, Ocean World Lines/RF International

Matthew Fleisig, Vice President, RF International

Francisco Sánchez, U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade

**OWL Receives The President's "E" Award for Export Service Excellence**

*OWL is the only NVO to receive the award for outstanding contribution to the growth of U.S. exports*

Lake Success, New York – Ocean World Lines (OWL), a global, single source NVOCC (non-vessel operating common carrier) and subsidiary of Pacer International, announced today that it has received the President's "E" Award for outstanding contribution to U.S. exports by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This is the most prestigious award given by the U.S. government to companies that facilitate export trade and contribute to U.S. job growth and competitiveness.

The award was presented to OWL and freight forwarding unit, RF International, Ltd. by Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce headquarters in Washington DC on May 16, 2011. OWL is among an elite group of 27 U.S. companies receiving this recognition. Primary criterion for the award is four years of successive export growth, accompanied by identifiable results of programs or activities contributing to export expansion.

"Exports are a key driver of America's economic recovery," said Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke.

"President Obama's National Export Initiative (NEI), which aims to double U.S. exports by 2015 in support of several million American jobs, is a robust, forward-looking trade agenda with an emphasis on domestic job growth. Ocean World Lines and RF International are being honored today for making significant contributions toward fulfilling that agenda."

One of the major contributing factors for receiving the award, according to OWL's CEO, Dan Gardner, is the nationwide seminar series the company created to help educate exporters about the requirements for conducting trade within the U.S. and globally.

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“OWL’s people are recognized in the trade community as the ‘go-to-source’ for superlative trade-related training,” said Gardner. “We are committed to improving the global competitiveness of our customers as responsible and engaged corporate citizens by supplying on-going and relevant training materials designed to enhance their business performance.”

Gardner says receiving the “E” Award underscores OWL’s mantra and commitment to export education: *Logistics Excellence Through Applied Learning*. “This emphasis on education and training has not only allowed OWL to create jobs for its own staff, but these efforts have directly impacted job creation in the thousands of companies to which we provide export services. The core philosophy of OWL is based on the concept of trade facilitation, and our mission is to help U.S. companies compete in the global economy.”

“If ‘it takes a village’ to properly educate a child, then it takes an entire trade community to make U.S. exporters successful,” said Gardner. “The President’s “E” Award means so much to everyone at OWL because it gives official recognition to the fact that we are turning our philosophy into a competitive advantage for our clients. We are excited about the future and will continue to pursue our passion of being subject matter experts and trade facilitators to the U.S. community.”

### **President’s “E” Award**

The President's "E" Award was created by Executive Order in 1961 to afford suitable recognition to persons, firms, or organizations which contribute significantly in the effort to increase United States exports. President Kennedy revived the World War II "E" symbol of excellence to honor and provide recognition to America's exporters. <http://trade.gov/cs/eaward.asp>

### **About Ocean World Lines**

Ocean World Lines, Inc., a subsidiary of Pacer International, Inc., is one of the largest fully bonded NVOCCs in the world. OWL, known in the industry by its iconic owl logo, maintains more than 45 service contracts with the top ocean carriers and handles today’s most complex global supply chain requirements.

Founded in 1979, OWL works with importers, exporters and freight forwarders to move all types of cargo and provides global ocean and air door-to-door service. OWL offers a single source experience for its customers coupled with leading-edge technology for a truly value-based solution.

With over 250 employees worldwide, OWL has offices located in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Qingdao, Singapore, Tokyo, Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Long Beach, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, San Francisco, Seattle, Gdynia, Szczecin, Warsaw, Ipswich, Berlin, Bremen, and Hamburg, as well as a network of agents worldwide. [www.oceanworldlines.com](http://www.oceanworldlines.com).

### **About Pacer International**

Pacer International, a leading global door-to-door solutions provider, offers a broad array of services to facilitate the movement of freight from origin to destination through its intermodal and logistics operating segments. The intermodal segment offers container capacity, integrated local transportation services, and door-to-door intermodal shipment management. The logistics segment provides truck brokerage, warehousing and distribution, international freight forwarding, and supply-chain management services. For more information on Pacer International visit [www.pacer.com](http://www.pacer.com).

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