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2015 BIC Award Winner Announced

The Bureau International des Containers (BIC) has announced Mr. Stephen L. Caldwell of the United States as the winner of the 2015 BIC Award, in recognition of more than 30 years' dedication to improving international security, including more than a decade focused on intermodal supply chain security and resilience.

The BIC's Board of Directors cited Mr. Caldwell's promotion of strategic, risk-based, and cooperative container security programs on behalf of the US Government and the broader international maritime supply chain system, when making the selection.

Founded in 1933, the mission of the BIC is to promote the safe, secure and sustainable expansion of containerisation and intermodal transportation. The annual BIC Award honours individuals or organisations for significant contributions towards these goals.

For more than a decade Mr. Caldwell has evaluated international security programmes for the United States Congress, including the past decade as Director of Maritime and Supply Chain Security Issues at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). He worked closely with the U.S. Congress and federal agencies, and various other stakeholders involved in cargo container and intermodal transportation security. Mr. Caldwell has a global understanding of supply chain security issues, having worked seven years overseas and conducted over 50 visits to more than 30 countries as part of his work on maritime supply chain security, and other issues.

In the decade following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Mr. Caldwell provided the U.S. Congress with almost 100 reports and testimonies on maritime and supply chain security, promoting the development and continual improvement of risk management and strategic approaches.

His recommendations have been adopted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other federal agencies, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of container and intermodal security programmes and he has developed and maintained relationships with international organisations, trade associations, private companies, and other supply chain stakeholders.

"For decades Mr. Caldwell has brought passion and dedication to supply chain security and we are pleased to show him some well-deserved appreciation," said BIC Board Chairman,



Giordano Guerrini. The award will be presented to Mr. Caldwell in person at the Maritime Security 2016 East conference, hosted by Homeland Security Outlook, which takes place from 21-23 March in Norfolk, Virginia, USA.

Mr. Caldwell earned a Bachelor's degree in political science (1980) and Master's degree in public policy (1983), both from the University of California at Berkeley, where he specialised in national security affairs. He also earned a diploma from the U.S. Naval War College (1996), where he received the Director's Award for Academic Excellence. He has received numerous other honors, including GAO's Distinguished Service Award, Client Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, Big Picture Award and several others. Mr. Caldwell has made more than 50 appearances and presentations before the media, professionals at conferences, and students at top universities.

He continues to show dedication to global supply chain security through written articles, presentations, and serving on the US National Maritime Security Advisory Committee. This independent committee advises the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Commandant of the US Coast Guard, and Mr. Caldwell chairs its Cyber Working Group, remaining at the cutting edge of container security issues.

For more information about the BIC, visit www.bic-code.org.

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About the BIC

Founded under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organisation, the BIC today has over 2000 members in 120 countries. The BIC has played an important role in the growth of containerisation, with its long-established and active role in the development of industry standards and its appointment by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1972 as the industry's global container prefix registry – a registry further endorsed by international customs conventions.

Today, the BIC code is the “international calling card” of nearly every container in international trade, allowing for proper identification and facilitating the crossing of borders without delay. With a mission to promote the safe, secure and sustainable expansion of intermodal transportation, the BIC enables professional dialogue amongst its members, standards bodies, governments and other industry organisations. The BIC holds official observer status as a NGO at both the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the World Customs Organization (WCO), and contributes regularly as an observer to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and other organisations.

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