



**J. Goodison Co., Inc.**

**Honesty and Integrity, The Cornerstone of Business and Personal Relationships**

Good evening, my name is Jack Goodison. I'm the owner and partner of a family veteran owned HUBZone small business, operating on the waterfront at 7 India St. in Providence.

Our company performs ship repairs for the Department of Homeland Security / United States Coast Guard. 80% of our work takes place at Promet Marine Shipyard where the vessels are dry-docked.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the Department of Homeland Security increased their demands on the Coast Guard dramatically, causing an increase in ship maintenance and dry-docking.

That same year I traveled to a special meeting held in New Orleans by the Small Business Administration and the Department Of Homeland Security. The focus of this meeting was to recruit companies to help the government with the growing demands on our military. It was at this meeting that we were told if we moved our business to a HUBZone and hired people in the HUBZone area, that our company would be in a position to offer the much needed ship repairs for the US Coast Guard.

The process took us approximately one year to transfer over. Hiring HUBZone employees from within the city, moving into The HUBZone area at 7 India St. and gaining the certifications required. Our company went one step further and became the only QP-1 certified field painting contractor, north of Virginia qualified to paint Coast Guard ships.

The reason I tell you this is simple, J. Goodison Co. working with Promet's deep water shipyard on Allens Avenue and their ability to Drydock vessels has for the first time put a New England Company in a competitive position to compete and win Government contracts against southern and Gulf Coast shipyards. This in turn has brought ships in from as far away as Puerto Rico and over 18 vessel contracts in the past 15 months have been performed locally at the shipyard on Allen's Avenue here in Providence.

In closing I would like to say if our HUBZone industrial waterfront changes we lose everything we have worked for and the government will lose a viable resource north of Virginia.

This is the only place left qualified to perform heavy marine maintenance and repairs in deep water in this area. PLEASE DON'T DESTROY OUR LIVELIHOOD OUR FAMILIES DEPEND ON IT.