

# *APL Selects Tideworks TOS for Chicago Global Gateway*

**APL has** selected Tideworks Technology to implement its comprehensive suite of terminal operating system (TOS) solutions at its new Joliet III intermodal facility, scheduled to become operational during the fourth quarter of 2011.

Currently under construction, APL's Joliet Chicago Global Gateway facility is located on a 43-acre site at the CenterPoint Intermodal Centre. It will serve

APL's customers in Chicago and the surrounding areas, eventually replacing the line's existing Chicago container facility.

"Given Chicago is one of the largest and most important intermodal hubs in the country, APL's new Joliet facility is well positioned to connect the eastern and western corridors of the US," said Michael Schwank, president of Tideworks, adding that experience with

intermodal TOS deployments made the project a "natural fit" for his company's team.

APL's facility will use a suite of integrated intermodal TOS solutions, including Intermodal Pro Traffic Control and Digital Bridge, the business intelligence and key performance indicator monitoring tool. In addition, the GateVision operating system with optical character recognition will

also be implemented to automate APL's processes and accelerate gate movement.

Tideworks will fully support the implementation through project management, business process analysis, software customisation, training and commissioning support; in addition the company is providing design and consultation services for the new gate facility. ■