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CBP GIVES GPO EXECUTIVES TOUR OF NORTHERN BORDER OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON—Public Printer Bob Tapella and Managing Director for Security & Intelligent Documents Steve LeBlanc toured one of the busiest northern border crossings, the Port of Buffalo, New York, to view the Trusted Traveler Program procedures. The Government Printing Office (GPO) works with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to produce Trusted Traveler Program cards. GPO is responsible for designing, printing, personalizing and mailing the cards, which gives pre-approved travelers faster service at America's northern and southern borders. GPO produces NEXUS cards for the northern border. The Trusted Traveler Program is part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).

Link to video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=levIYlqIPy0>

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Tapella and LeBlanc viewed CBP's operations at the Peace Bridge, which connects Buffalo, New York to Fort Erie, Ontario. The Peace Bridge has a dedicated lane for NEXUS card holders. GPO employees recently produced more than 400,000 NEXUS cards since production began in 2008. In total, more than 750,000 Trusted Traveler Program cards have been produced.

"I appreciate CBP showing us their operation in Buffalo and the dedicated lane for NEXUS cards," said Public Printer Bob Tapella. "GPO has a fabulous working relationship with CBP. This relationship is an example of how two government agencies can work together to provide a product that will enhance the lives of American citizens living on the border by easing their ability to cross."

"GPO's success with the electronic passport gave us the confidence and ability to build a secure credential card program. The Trusted Traveler Program cards have become a successful cornerstone of that program," said Managing Director of Security & Intelligent Documents Steve LeBlanc. "It was a pleasure to get a firsthand account from our partners at CBP on how successful the NEXUS cards are working on the northern border."

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