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Mr. Michael Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the wonderful tour of Southampton County on November 29, 2011. I'm extending an open invitation for anyone on your staff and Board of Supervisors to visit The Port of Virginia for a tour.

If you haven't yet toured APM Terminals in Portsmouth, I would recommend a visit. It is the most automated terminal in the United State and the story of its construction from 2004 to 2007 is very interesting. Virginia Port Authority began a 20-year lease of APM in 2010, and the APM tour typically lasts an hour. If you have a longer time frame, we could tour APM Terminals and Norfolk International Terminals. With travel time and discussion, touring both facilities would take about 3 hours in addition to travel time from and back to Southampton County.

Please be aware that as a TWIC escort, I can accompany up to five people on terminal. It is no problem, but I would need other VPA staff members to participate in the tour as TWIC escorts if the tour group is larger than five.

I look forward to hosting Southampton County in 2012.

Best regards,

Stephanie S. Allman
Economic Development Manager