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Jennifer Carpenter Promoted to Chief Operating Officer

ARLINGTON, VA – The American Waterways Operators, the national trade association for the tugboat, towboat and barge industry, has announced that Jennifer Carpenter, AWO’s Executive Vice President, has been promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer, effective January 1, 2016.



In announcing the promotion, AWO President & CEO Tom Allegretti said “Jennifer’s promotion to Chief Operating Officer is richly deserved and fully earned during a quarter century of exemplary service. The journey of advocacy excellence and safety leadership on which AWO has embarked is one that Jennifer has effectively led. The many milestones of success along that journey are products of her vision and her hard work.

Mr. Allegretti added that Ms. Carpenter’s promotion, unanimously approved by AWO’s Executive Committee in December, will help position AWO for sustained, future success. Mr. Allegretti continued, “AWO today is largely the result of Jennifer's hard work, dedication and ingenuity. Jennifer is an extraordinary colleague with whom all of us on the staff are privileged to work. I look forward with great anticipation to partnering with her on the leadership and management of AWO as we confront great challenge and opportunity in 2016 and beyond.”

About the American Waterways Operators

The American Waterways Operators is the national trade association representing the tugboat, towboat and barge industry, which operates on the rivers, the Great Lakes, and along the coasts and in the harbors of the United States. Barge transportation serves the nation as the safest, most environmentally friendly and most economical mode of freight transportation. For more information about AWO, please visit www.americanwaterways.com.