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## Port of Entry in Warroad Wins National Awards

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN, January 24, 2011** – The new U.S. Land Port of Entry in Warroad, Minnesota was built with security, efficiency and environmental stewardship in mind. The Warroad project won awards in design, construction, engineering, interior design and landscaping. Built to LEED Silver standards, the port of entry was one of 11 projects to take home a design award.

The GSA presented five national awards to the border crossing this week, which opened last May after nearly two years of construction. No other project won more than two awards, and the port of entry was the only project in the nation to win an award in the construction category. The awards are part of the federal government's desire to showcase public projects that are attractive and easy on the environment – attributes that have not always been synonymous with government buildings.

The engineering project team included Sebesta Blomberg, Jacobs Engineering Group, Key Engineering and Meyer Borgman Johnson.

In addition to the GSA awards, the Port of Entry received a 2011 Institute of Honor Award for architecture from The American Institute of Architects (AIA). The program recognizes achievements for a broad range of architectural activity to elevate the general quality of architecture practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture practice.

### **About U.S. Land Port of Entry, Warroad**

The United States Land Port of Entry supports the mission-driven demands of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Department of Homeland Security's agency responsible for securing the nation's borders and promoting legal trade and travel. Located in Warroad, Minnesota, this 43,000 square foot facility is composed of three separate enclosed areas linked together with a continuous canopy.

### **About Sebesta Blomberg**

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