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## Local Firms Earn Accolades

A pair of companies that work closely with the Port of Baltimore were honored for being effective third-party logistics and cold-storage providers.

MTC Logistics and Choptank Transport, two Maryland-based companies, were just named to the 2017 Top 3PL & Cold Storage Providers list by *Food Logistics*, the only publication exclusively dedicated to covering the movement of products through the global food supply chain.

The Top 3PL & Cold Storage Providers list serves as an important resource guide to third-party logistics and cold-storage providers whose products and services are critical for companies in the global food and



beverage supply chain.

"The global food supply chain is faced with unprecedented challenges, from consolidation and M&A in the grocery sector to the impact of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), among others," said Lara L. Sowinski, Editorial Director of *Food Logistics* and *Supply & Demand Chain Executive*. "Companies that earned a spot on the publication's 2017 Top

3PL & Cold Storage Providers list are critical to supporting the agricultural community, importers/exporters, food manufacturers, grocery retailers, food service distributors and others that depend on them to support the growing complexities of the global food supply chain."

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Clarke, President of MTI, Passes Away

Terry Clarke, President of Marine Technologies Inc., passed away Sept. 19, 2017, at age 54. Clarke founded Marine Technologies, Inc., known as MTI, as a commercial diving and marine construction contractor based in Baltimore. This summer, the firm celebrated 25 years of serving the Port of Baltimore and beyond.

Clarke was born on June 11, 1963, in Leonardtown, Md., and later moved to Houston to become a commercial diver. Clarke was a member of the Association of Diving Contractors International, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and Solomons Business Association. 🌐

company owned by the Hoffberger family of Baltimore. MTC Logistics operates three distribution centers with more than 24 million cubic feet of refrigerated and frozen space, serving the Port of Baltimore and other areas.

"We have invested heavily in our people, processes, systems and facilities to provide seamless temperature-controlled supply chain solutions for our customers. This recognition is validation of our initiative to operate as our customers' logistics departments," said Ernie Ferguson, Vice President of Sales with MTC Logistics.

Choptank Transport, headquartered in Preston, Md., has a dedicated division for refrigerated less-than-truckload (LTL) shipments with pick-up in the

Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions and makes deliveries nationwide. The company specializes in truckload freight, refrigerated/frozen transport, dry van and flatbed services. This will be the fourth consecutive year that Choptank Transport has been included on the prestigious list, and President and CEO of Choptank Transport, Geoff Turner, recognizes this as a great achievement. "We have worked extremely hard over the years to be one of the best at what we do, and that means supplying top-rated service to all our customers," he said.

*Interested readers can find this year's Top 3PL & Cold Storage Providers list in the August 2017 issue of Food Logistics or on [foodlogistics.com](http://foodlogistics.com).* 🌐



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↪ At the end of the program, the students participated in a completion ceremony.



The MDOT MPA is eager to host more YouthWorks interns next summer and views the program as a great way to build the future of the maritime industry, said Jones: “We have an aging workforce, and for a lot of the current generation, they’re not even aware of the maritime industry or the career and job opportunities that could be available to them. For us, it’s important to make sure we reach out to that next generation of potential workers.” 🌐

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