



WEDA EASTERN CHAPTER 2015 ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME REMARKS

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WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA!



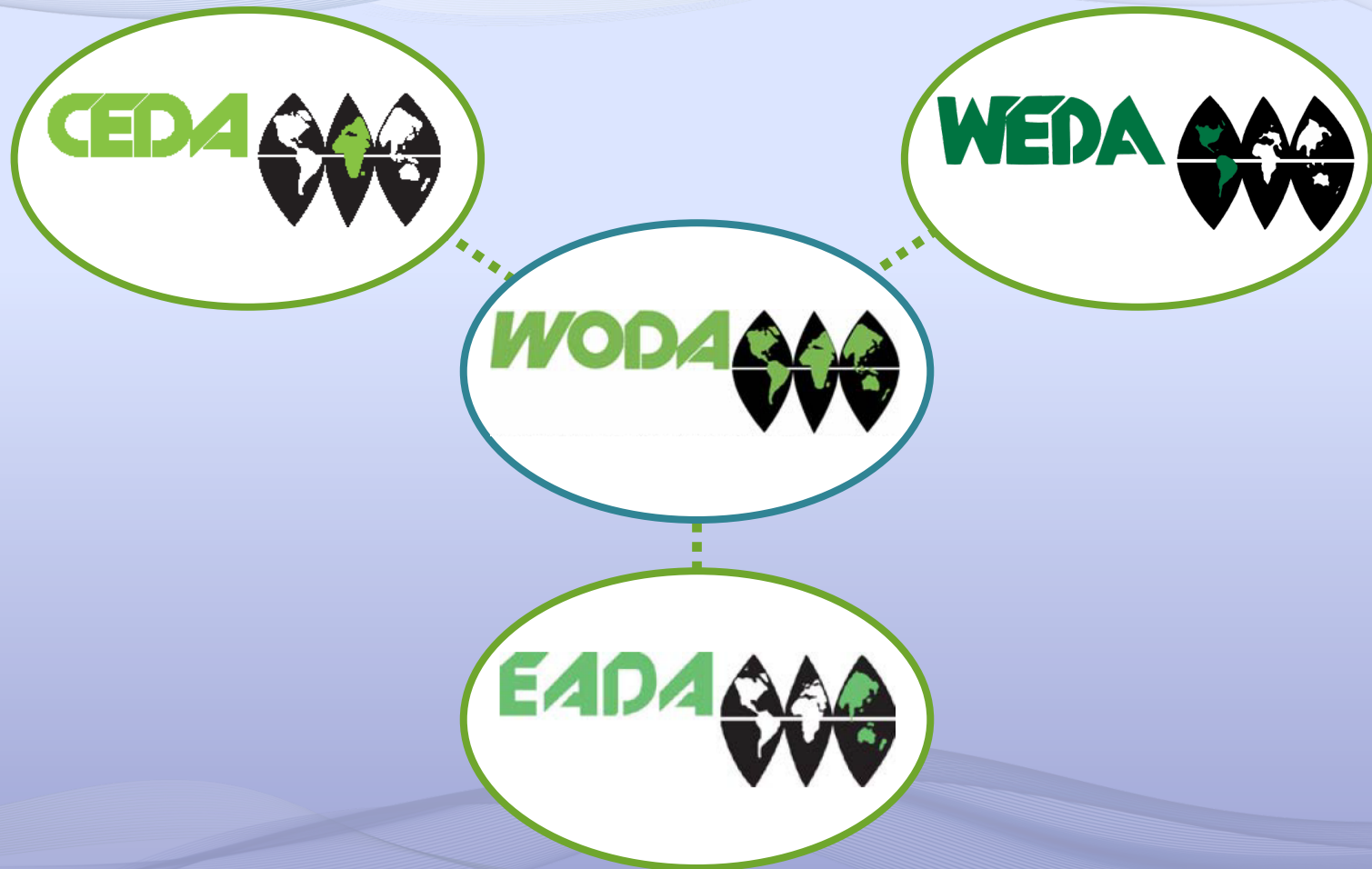
Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment

PHILADELPHIA PORT AUTHORITY

- 10th busiest maritime gateway in cargo value
- 60 million tons of cargo and >200,000 TEU's!
- Tankers account for >50% of ship calls at the Port
- Southport expansion: >200 acres!



WORLD DREDGING ORGANIZATION



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- *Exchange knowledge* in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction
- *Improve communications, technology transfer, and cooperation* among associations, societies, and organizations
- Emphasize the importance of *understanding and development of solutions* for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment
- *Support educational institutions* for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career
- Promote membership in and furtherance of WEDA through *establishment and support of Chapters*
- *Recognize individuals and organizations* for outstanding engineering and operational achievement

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- *Networking opportunities for members*
- *Business development assistance*
- *Improved communication with membership*
- *Annual conferences with renewed technical focus*
 - *Short courses, post-conference technical tours*
 - *Invited technical sessions on major projects*
- *Increased collaboration with USACE, OAS, NAMEPA, PIANC*
- *Focus on Central and South America*
- *Improvements on the website: www.westerndredging.org*



HYATT REGENCY MIAMI



OUTSIDE EXHIBITORS HALL



LOBBY



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WORLD FAMOUS MIAMI BEACH

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BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

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**HAVE A WONDERFUL CONFERENCE!
DO NETWORK & MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

DO TELL US HOW WEDA IS DOING!

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