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GSA Awards Construction Contract for Champlain Border Station Project

The U.S. General Services Administration today announced the award of a \$24 million construction contract to **Bette & Cring, LLC of Watertown, NY** for the next phase of work at the Champlain Land Port of Entry in Champlain, NY.

“We are very pleased to announce this contract award,” stated Eileen Long-Chelales, Regional Administrator of GSA’s Northeast and Caribbean Region. “This project at the Champlain Land Port of Entry is critical to the continued effectiveness of one of New York State’s key commercial corridors. With this award, the most significant phase to date of the government’s project to expand, modernize, and enhance security at this border station is now able to proceed.”

This phase of the project will include construction of a new 2-story cargo processing building with eight commercial vehicle inspection bays and office space for supporting staff; new commercial vehicle inspection canopy and booths; and associated site improvements. Site improvements include access ramps and roadway from the Canadian border and a new and significantly expanded truck staging area. The project will take place to the immediate west of the existing facility and will not interfere with the 24 hour, 7 day a week operation of the existing facility. Work on this phase of the project is expected to begin within the next two weeks and should be completed by the end of 2006. Future tenants of the project include Customs and Border Protection, Food and Drug Administration, Fish and Wildlife Service, and General Services Administration.

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