



At a Glance

from every aspect of auto handling at the Port, including stevedores, processors and manufacturers. At the monthly meetings, any problems are addressed quickly. "With QCHAT there is a high level of accountability that keeps the standard very high here," said Johnson.

General Motors' history with the Port of Baltimore actually goes back to 1935. It was in the early days of automaking when the Flint, Michigan, company opened a factory near the Dundalk Marine Terminal. That facility closed in 2005 after 70 years of operations.

Today, GM's Baltimore location is in White Marsh. The facility is not a traditional factory, but an ultra-modern campus making two-mode hybrid engines and heavy duty transmissions. Last year, the company began a \$269.5 million expansion that will open next year. The new plant will make electric motors for plugin and hybrid vehicles. GM is the first major American automaker to commit to making its own components for electric vehicles.

Gov. Martin O'Malley toured the facility in February and told workers there, "GM is now the No. 1 auto maker because they're building cleaner, greener automobiles, and a lot of that is happening right here." The plant currently employs 200, but when expansion is completed in 2013 that number is expected to double.

The campus expansion includes a solar array that will provide nine percent of the facility's power. "We believe the future of sustainable transportation is electrically driven vehicles and this facility will help us maintain a leadership position within this category," said Mike Robinson, GM's Vice President for Environment, Energy and Safety Policy. "It's fitting that green 'motors of the future' are being built at a facility well recognized for ongoing efforts to reduce its environmental impact."

Within a few years, it is likely that GM electric vehicles exported from the Port of Baltimore may have had their engine built in Baltimore County, starting a new chapter to a long relationship. 🌐

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