

PORT EVERGLADES FRANCHISE APPLICATION

An application will not be deemed complete and ready for processing until all required documents and fees are received.

A separate application must be filed for each type of franchise applied for.

FRANCHISE TYPE

CHECK ONE

STEAMSHIP AGENT

STEVEDORE

CARGO HANDLER

TUGBOAT & TOWING

VESSEL BUNKERING

VESSEL OILY WASTE REMOVAL

VESSEL SANITARY WASTEWATER REMOVAL

MARINE TERMINAL SECURITY

MARINE TERMINAL SECURITY

FIREARMS CARRYING SECURITY PERSONNEL

NON-FIREARMS CARRYING SECURITY PERSONNEL

Note: Applicant is the legal entity applying for the franchise. If the Applicant is granted the franchise, it will be the named franchisee. All information contained in this application shall apply only to the Applicant and not to any parent, affiliate, or subsidiary entities.

Applicant's

Name GAC Shipping (USA) Inc.

(Name as it appears on the certificate of incorporation, charter, or other legal documentation as applicable, evidencing the legal formation of the Applicant)

Applicant's Business Address 16200 Central Green Blvd., Houston, TX 77032

Phone # (713) 660-1650 E-mail address usa@gac.com

Fax #: () _____

Name of the person authorized to bind the Applicant (Person's signature must appear on Page 13.)

Name Scott G. Miller

Title General Manager

Business Address 16200 Central Green Blvd., Houston, TX 77032

Phone # (281) 645-2365 E-mail address scott.miller@gac.com

Fax #: () _____

Provide the Name and Contact Information of Applicant's Representative to whom questions about this application are to be directed (if different from the person authorized to bind the Applicant):

Representative's Name _____

Representative's Title _____

Representative's Business Address _____

Representative's Phone # () _____

Representative's E-mail address _____@_____

Representative's Fax # () _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION AND LABEL ALL REQUIRED BACKUP DOCUMENTATION TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE SECTION OF THE APPLICATION TO WHICH THE DOCUMENTATION APPLIES (I.E...., SECTION A, B, C, etc.).

Section A

1. List the name(s) of Applicant's officers, including, CEO, COO, CFO, director(s), member(s), partner(s), shareholder(s), principal(s), employee(s), agents, and local representative(s) active in the management of the Applicant.

Officers:

Title General Manager
First Name Scott Middle Name G.
Last Name Miller
Business Street Address 16200 Central Green Blvd.
City, State, Zip Code Houston, TX 77032
Phone Number (281) 645-2365 Fax Number ()
Email Address scott.miller @ gac.com.

Title CFO
First Name Dominic Middle Name
Last Name Mundakal
Business Street Address 16200 Central Green Blvd.
City, State, Zip Code Houston, TX 77032
Phone Number (281) 645-2301 Fax Number ()
Email Address dominic.mundakal @ gac.com.

Title Port Manager
First Name Murat Middle Name
Last Name Ozer
Business Street Address 8720 Serene Retreat Lane, Suite 314
City, State, Zip Code Tampa, FL, 33619
Phone Number (813) 610-8113 Fax Number ()
Email Address murat.ozar @ gac.com.

Title
First Name Middle Name
Last Name
Business Street Address
City, State, Zip Code
Phone Number () Fax Number ()
Email Address @ .

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

2. RESUMES: Provide a resume for each officer, director, member, partner, shareholder, principal, employee, agent, and local representative(s) active in the management of the Applicant, as listed above.

Section B

1. Place checkmark to describe the Applicant:
() Sole Proprietorship (X) Corporation () Partnership () Joint Venture () Limited Liability Company
2. Provide copies of the documents filed at the time the Applicant was formed including Articles of Incorporation (if a corporation); Articles of Organization (if an LLC); or Certificate of Limited Partnership or Limited Liability Limited Partnership (if a partnership). If the Applicant was not formed in the State of Florida, provide a copy of the documents demonstrating that the Applicant is authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida.

Section C

1. Has there been any change in the ownership of the Applicant within the last five (5) years? (e.g., any transfer of interest to another party)
Yes ___ No X If "Yes," please provide details in the space provided. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
2. Has there been any name change of the Applicant or has the Applicant operated under a different name within the last five (5) years?
Yes ___ No X If "Yes," please provide details in the space provided, including: Prior name(s) and Date of name change(s) filed with the State of Florida's Division of Corporations or other applicable state agency. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
3. Has there been any change in the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, or members of the Applicant within the past five (5) years?
Yes X No ___ If "Yes," please provide details in the space provided, including:
Prior officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members
Name(s) Jay Schulz, General Manager departed 05/24
New officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members
Name(s) Scott Miller, General Manager added 08/24
Also supply documentation evidencing the changes including resolution or minutes appointing new officers, list of new principals with titles and contact information, and effective date of changes. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Section D

Provide copies of all fictitious name registrations filed by the Applicant with the State of Florida's Division of Corporations or other State agencies. If none, indicate "None" _____.

GAC North America

Section E

1. Has the Applicant acquired another business entity within the last five (5) years?
Yes ___ No X If "Yes," please provide the full legal name of any business entity which the Applicant acquired during the last five (5) years which engaged in a similar business activity as the business activity which is the subject of this Port Everglades Franchise Application.
If none, indicate "None" _____.

2. Indicate in the space provided the date of the acquisition and whether the acquisition was by a stock purchase or asset purchase and whether the Applicant herein is relying on the background and history of the acquired firm's officers, managers, employees and/or the acquired firm's business reputation in the industry to describe the Applicant's experience or previous business history. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

3. Has the Applicant been acquired by another business entity within the last five (5) years? Yes ___ No X If "Yes," provide the full legal name of any business entity which acquired the Applicant during the last five (5) years which engaged in a similar business activity as the business activity which is the subject of this Port Everglades Franchise Application.
If none, indicate "None" _____.

4. Indicate in the space provided the date of the acquisition and whether the acquisition was by a stock purchase or asset purchase and whether the Applicant herein is relying on the background and history of the parent firm's officers, managers, employees and/or the parent firm's business reputation in the industry to describe the Applicant's experience or previous business history. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Section F

Provide the Applicant's previous business history, including length of time in the same or similar business activities as planned at Port Everglades.

GAC has been operating in the Port of Port Everglades for over 20 years.

Section G

1. Provide a list of the Applicant's current managerial employees, including supervisors, superintendents, and forepersons. Murat Ozer, resume attached.

2. List the previous work history/experience of the Applicant's current managerial employees, including their active involvement in seaports and length of time in the same or similar business activities as planned at Port Everglades.

As per resume

Section H

List all seaports, including Port Everglades (if application is for renewal), where the Applicant is currently performing the services/operation which is the subject of this Franchise application. **Use this form for each seaport listed. Photocopy additional pages as needed (one page for each seaport listed).**

If none, state "None" _____.

Seaport Port Everglades Number of Years Operating at this Seaport 20+

List below all of the Applicant's Clients for which it provides services at the seaport listed above.

Client Name (Company)	Number of Years Applicant Has Provided Services to this Client
BP Shipping	40+ years
Chevron Shipping	30+ years

Section I

1. Provide a description of all past (within the last five (5) years) and pending litigation and legal claims where the Applicant is a named party, whether in the State of Florida or in another jurisdiction, involving allegations that Applicant has violated or otherwise failed to comply with environmental laws, rules, or regulations or committed a public entity crime as defined by Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, or theft-related crime such as fraud, bribery, smuggling, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or acts of moral turpitude, meaning conduct or acts that tend to degrade persons in society or ridicule public morals.

The description must include all of the following:

- a) The case title and docket number
- b) The name and location of the court before which it is pending or was heard
- c) The identification of all parties to the litigation
- d) General nature of all claims being made

If none, indicate "None" None.

2. Indicate whether in the last five (5) years the Applicant or an officer, director, executive, partner, or a shareholder, employee or agent who is or was (during the time period in which the illegal conduct or activity took place) active in the management of the Applicant was charged, indicted, found guilty or convicted of illegal conduct or activity (with or without an adjudication of guilt) as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere where the illegal conduct or activity (1) is considered to be a public entity crime as defined by Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, or (2) is customarily considered to be a white-collar crime or theft-related crime such as fraud, smuggling, bribery, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds, etc. or (3) results in a felony conviction where the crime is directly related to the business activities for which the franchise is sought.

Yes ___ No

If you responded "Yes," please provide all of the following information for each indictment, charge, or conviction:

- a) A description of the case style and docket number
- b) The nature of the charge or indictment
- c) Date of the charge or indictment
- d) Location of the court before which the proceeding is pending or was heard
- e) The disposition (e.g., convicted, acquitted, dismissed, etc.)
- f) Any sentence imposed
- g) Any evidence which the County (in its discretion) may determine that the Applicant and/or person found guilty or convicted of illegal conduct or activity has conducted itself, himself or herself in a manner as to warrant the granting or renewal of the franchise.

Section J

The Applicant must provide a current certificate(s) of insurance. Franchise insurance requirements are determined by Broward County's Risk Management Division and are contained in the Port Everglades Tariff No. 12 as amended, revised or reissued from time to time. The Port Everglades Tariff is contained in the Broward County Administrative Code, Chapter 42, and is available for inspection on line at: <http://www.porteverglades.net/development/tariff>.

Section K

1. The Applicant must provide its most recent audited or reviewed financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or other documents and information which demonstrate the Applicant's creditworthiness, financial responsibility, and resources, which the Port will consider in evaluating the Applicant's financial responsibility.

2. Has the Applicant or entity acquired by Applicant (discussed in Section E herein) sought relief under any provision of the Federal Bankruptcy Code or under any state insolvency law filed by or against it within the last five (5) year period?

Yes ___ No X

If "Yes," please provide the following information for each bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding:

- a) Date petition was filed or relief sought
- b) Title of case and docket number
- c) Name and address of court or agency
- d) Nature of judgment or relief
- e) Date entered

3. Has any receiver, fiscal agent, trustee, reorganization trustee, or similar officer been appointed in the last five (5) year period by a court for the business or property of the Applicant?

Yes ___ No X

If "Yes," please provide the following information for each appointment:

- a) Name of person appointed
- b) Date appointed
- c) Name and address of court
- d) Reason for appointment

4. Has any receiver, fiscal agent, trustee, reorganization trustee, or similar officer been appointed in the last five (5) year period by a court for any entity, business, or property acquired by the Applicant?

Yes ___ No X

If "Yes," please provide the following information for each appointment:

- a) Name of person appointed
- b) Date appointed
- c) Name and address of court
- d) Reason for appointment

Section L

List four (4) credit references for the Applicant, one of which must be a bank. Use this format:

Name of Reference _____ Nature of Business _____
Contact Name _____ Title _____
Legal Business Street Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone Number (____) _____
(Provide on a separate sheet.)

Section M

1. Security: Pursuant to Port Everglades Tariff 12, Item 960, all Franchisees are required to furnish an Indemnity and Payment Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit drawn on a U.S. bank in a format and an amount not less than \$20,000 as required by Broward County Port Everglades Department.
2. Has the Applicant been denied a bond or letter of credit within the past five (5) years?
Yes ___ No X
If "Yes," please provide a summary explanation in the space provided of why the Applicant was denied. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Section N

1. Provide a list and description of all equipment currently owned and/or leased by the Applicant and intended to be used by the Applicant for the type of service(s) intended to be performed at Port Everglades including the age, type of equipment and model number.
2. Identify the type of fuel used for each piece of equipment.
3. Indicate which equipment, if any, is to be domiciled at Port Everglades.
4. Will all equipment operators be employees of the Applicant, on the payroll of the Applicant, with wages, taxes, benefits, and insurance paid by the Applicant?
Yes ___ No ___ N/A
If "No," please explain in the space provided who will operate the equipment and pay wages, taxes, benefits, and insurance, if the franchise is granted. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Section O

Provide a copy of the Applicant's current Broward County Business Tax Receipt (formerly Occupational License).

Section P

1. Provide a copy of Applicant's safety program.
2. Provide a copy of Applicant's substance abuse policy.
3. Provide a copy of Applicant's employee job training program/policy.
4. Provide information regarding frequency of training.
5. Include equipment operator certificates, if any.

Section Q

1. Has the Applicant received within the past five (5) years or does the Applicant have pending any citations, notices of violations, warning notices, or fines from any federal, state, or local environmental regulatory agencies?
Yes ___ No X

2. Has the Applicant received within the past five (5) years or does the Applicant have pending any citations, notices of violations, warning notices, or civil penalties from the U.S. Coast Guard?
Yes ___ No X

3. Has the Applicant received within the past five (5) years or does the Applicant have pending any citations, notices of violations, warning notices, or fines from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration?
Yes ___ No X

If you responded "Yes" to any of this section's questions 1, 2, or 3 above, please provide a detailed summary for each question containing the following information:

- a) Name and address of the agency issuing the citation or notice
- b) Date of the notice
- c) Nature of the violation
- d) Copies of the infraction notice(s) from the agency
- e) Disposition of case
- f) Amount of fines, if any
- g) Corrective action taken

Attach copies of all citations, notices of violations, warning notices, civil penalties and fines issued by local, state, and federal regulatory agencies, all related correspondence, and proof of payment of fines.

4. Provide a statement (and/or documentation) which describes the Applicant's commitment to environmental protection, environmental maintenance, and environmental enhancement in the Port.

Section R

Provide written evidence of Applicant's ability to promote and develop growth in the business activities, projects or facilities of Port Everglades through its provision of the services (i.e., stevedore, cargo handler or steamship agent) it seeks to perform at Port Everglades. For first-time applicants (stevedore, cargo handler, and steamship agent), the written evidence must demonstrate the Applicant's ability to attract and retain new business such that Broward County may determine in its discretion that the franchise is in the best interests of the operation and promotion of the port and harbor facilities. The term "new business" is defined in Chapter 32, Part II of the Broward County Administrative Code as may be amended from time to time.

If you have checked an Applicant box for VESSEL BUNKERING, VESSEL OILY WASTE REMOVAL, VESSEL SANITARY WASTEWATER REMOVAL, OR MARINE TERMINAL SECURITY, the following additional information is required:

VESSEL BUNKERING

Section T- A Letter of Adequacy from the U.S. Coast Guard and a copy of the applicant's operations manual approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section V- A copy of the applicant's Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Marine Transportation Related Facilities approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section W- A Terminal Facility Discharge Prevention and Response Certificate with a copy of an approved Oil Spill Contingency Plan from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Section Z- An approved Discharge Cleanup Organization Certificate from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, which has been issued to the applicant or to its cleanup contractor with a copy of the cleanup contract showing the expiration date.

VESSEL OILY WASTE REMOVAL

Section S - Certificate of Adequacy in compliance with the Directives of MARPOL 73/75 and 33 CFR 158, if applicable.

Section T- A Letter of Adequacy from the U.S. Coast Guard and a copy of the Applicant's operations manual approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section U- A Waste Transporter License from the Broward County Environmental Protection Department identifying the nature of the discarded hazardous (or non-hazardous) material to be transported.

Section V- A copy of the Applicant's Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Marine Transportation Related Facilities approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section W- A Terminal Facility Discharge Prevention and Response Certificate with a copy of an approved Oil Spill Contingency Plan from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Section X- A Used Oil Collector, Transporter, and Recycler Certificate from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Section Y- An Identification Certificate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Section Z- An approved Discharge Cleanup Organization Certificate from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, which has been issued to the Applicant or to its cleanup contractor with a copy of the cleanup contract showing the expiration date.

VESSEL SANITARY WASTEWATER REMOVAL

Section U- A Waste Transporter License from the Broward County Environmental Protection Department identifying the nature of the discarded hazardous (or non-hazardous) material to be transported.

Section Z1- A copy of the Applicant's operations manual.

Section Z2- A Septage Receiving Facility Waste Hauler Discharge Permit from the Broward County Water and Wastewater Services Operations Division.

MARINE TERMINAL SECURITY

Section N1- A list of all metal detection devices, walk-through and hand-held, as well as all luggage and carry-on x-ray machines owned or leased, to be used or domiciled at Port Everglades. The listing must include the brand name and model.

Section N2- A copy of all manufacturers' recommended service intervals and name of company contracted to provide such services on all aforementioned equipment.

Section N3- A description of current method employed to assure all equipment is properly calibrated and functioning.

Section N4- current training requirements and training syllabus for employees operating x-ray equipment. Highlight emphasis on weapon and contraband identification. Include equipment operator certificates, if any.

Section O1- Provide copies of all local, state and federal licenses, including:

- a. A copy of the Applicant's State of Florida Business License.
- b. A copy of security agency's Manager's "M" or "MB" License and a copy of the security agency's "B" or "BB" License issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section P3- SECURITY GUARDS / SUPERVISORS

- a. Provide Applicant's background requirements, education, training etc., for personnel hired as security guards.
- b. Provide historic annual turnover ratio for security guards.
- c. Provide a copy of Applicant's job training program/policy including a copy of training curriculum and copies of all manuals and take-home materials made available to security guards. Include information regarding frequency of training.
- d. Provide background requirements, experience, licensing and any and all advanced training provided to supervisory personnel.
- e. Provide present policy for individual communication devices either required of security guards or supplied by the employer.
- f. Provide procurement criteria and source as well as Applicant's certification requirements for K-9 workforce.
- g. Provide information on the number of security guards/supervisors currently employed or expected to be employed to provide security services at Port Everglades.

Supervisors _____
Class D Guards _____
Class G Guards _____
K-9 Handlers _____

Port Everglades Tariff 12

References to the Port Everglades Tariff 12 as amended or reissued: <http://www.porteverglades.net/business/tariff>

Application Fees

The following fees have been established for franchised businesses at Port Everglades. Initial processing fees are nonrefundable. A franchise is required for each category of business.

Stevedore

Initial processing fee, assignment fee, or reinstatement fee \$ 11,550.00

Annual Fee

\$ 4,200.00

Cargo Handler

Initial processing fee, assignment fee, or reinstatement fee \$ 11,550.00

Annual Fee

\$ 4,200.00

Steamship Agent

Initial processing fee, assignment fee, or reinstatement fee \$ 4,200.00

Annual Fee

\$ 2,360.00

Tugboat and Towing

Initial processing fee, assignment fee, or reinstatement fee \$ 27,300.00

Annual Fee

By Contract

Vessel Bunkering, Vessel Oily Waste Removal, Vessel Sanitary Wastewater Removal, and Marine Terminal Security Service

Initial processing fee, assignment fee, or reinstatement fee \$ 4,200.00

Annual Fee

\$ 2,360.00

For first-time franchise Applicants, both the initial application fee and the annual fee must be submitted at time of application. Thereafter, annual franchise fees are due and payable each year on the franchise anniversary date, which is defined as the effective date of the franchise.

Note: Check(s) should be made payable to:

BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and be mailed with this application to:

Port Everglades Business Development Division

1850 Eller Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Required Public Hearing

Staff review of this application will not commence until such time as all of the above-requested information and documentation has been provided and the franchise application has been determined by staff to be complete. All of the above-requested information and Sections are required to be completed prior to the scheduling of the public hearing. Staff will request that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners set a public hearing to consider the franchise application and hear comments from the public. The Applicant will be notified of the Public Hearing date and must plan to attend the Public Hearing.

By signing and submitting this application, Applicant certifies that all information provided in this application is true and correct. Applicant understands that providing false or misleading information on this application may result in the franchise application being denied, or in instances of renewal, a franchise revoked. Applicant hereby waives any and all claims for any damages resulting to the Applicant from any disclosure or publication in any manner of any material or information acquired by Broward County during the franchise application process or during any inquiries, investigations, or public hearings.

Applicant further understands that if there are any changes to the information provided herein (subsequent to this application submission) or to its officers, directors, senior management personnel, or business operation as stated in this application, Applicant agrees to provide such updated information to the Port Everglades Department of Broward County, including the furnishing of the names, addresses (and other information as required above) with respect to persons becoming associated with Applicant after its franchise application is submitted, and any other required documentation requested by Port Everglades Department staff as relating to the changes in the business operation. This information must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days from the date of any change made by the Applicant.

Applicant certifies that all workers performing functions for Applicant who are subject to the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Act are covered by Longshore & Harbor Workers' Act, Jones Act Insurance, as required by federal law.

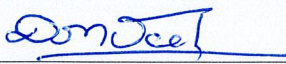
This application and all related records are subject to Chapter 119, F.S., the Florida Public Records Act.

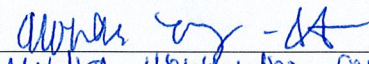
By its execution of this application, Applicant acknowledges that it has read and understands the rules, regulations, terms and conditions of the franchise it is applying for as set forth in Chapter 32, Part II, of the Broward County Administrative Code as amended, and agrees, should the franchise be granted by Broward County, to be legally bound and governed by all such rules, regulations, terms and conditions of the franchise as set forth in Chapter 32, Part II, of the Broward County Administrative Code as amended.

The individual executing this application on behalf of the Applicant, personally warrants that s/he has the full legal authority to execute this application and legally bind the Applicant.

Signature of Applicant's Authorized Representative  Date Signed 31 Mar 26

Signature name and title - typed or printed Scott G. Miller, General Manager

Witness Signature (*Required*) 
Witness name-typed or printed Dominic Mundakal

Witness Signature (*Required*) 
Witness name-typed or printed Alondra Hernandez Serrato

If a franchise is granted, all official notices/correspondence should be sent to:

Name Scott Miller Title General Manager

Address 16200 Central Green Blvd., Houston, TX 77032 Phone (281) 645-2365