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## **Breakbulk Conference & Exhibition**

The Port of South Louisiana participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakbulk Conference and Exhibition held at the Marriott Hotel New Orleans, October 29 – November 1. The Port participated along with 1,500 attendees and 350 exhibitors involved in the industry during the three-day conference, "Breakbulk 2006: The Challenges Ahead," a record year according to The Journal of Commerce, the sponsor of the conference.

Attendance at this conference along with other ports, shippers, carrier, stevedores, and government officials from around the country allowed the Port to network with its peers in the industry. "The Port has exhibited at this conference for several years because it is a good opportunity to feature our activities and developments to those that could potentially utilize our services," said Prudhomme. "We are constantly working to get the word out about this Port and the growth it has had over the last several decades," she added.

The conference and exhibition is organized by The Journal of Commerce, the 175-year old publication that is a prime source of international trade news. It will be held in New Orleans during the same time period in 2007.

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The Port of South Louisiana, comprising St. Charles, St. John and St. James parishes on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the world's 5<sup>th</sup> largest tonnage port and the largest tonnage port in the western hemisphere.