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The Port of South Louisiana and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John, and St. James will hold the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual River Parishes Industry Appreciation event on Tuesday, March 13. The event is held to recognize the contributions that the industrial facilities along the 54-mile port district make to the Port and River Parishes Region economy.

Approximately 100 industry leaders including plant managers and other company representatives, members of the Port's Commission, parish officials, representatives from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, state legislators and the region's U.S. Congressional District are anticipated to attend the event. This year guests will enjoy an afternoon of Louisiana seafood at the Port of South Louisiana's Guest House in Reserve.

The annual event is sponsored by the Port of South Louisiana, and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John, and St. James.

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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.