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The Port of South Louisiana hosted a reception to thank Louisiana Legislators and the U.S. Congressional Delegation for their support of the port at its Globalplex Guest House on August 21.

Present at the reception from the Louisiana Delegation were Rep. Roy Quezaire, Sen. Joel Chaisson, and Rep. Gary Smith; and from the U.S. Congressional Delegation were Rep. Charlie Melancon and staff person, Barney Arceneaux; Wes Kungel of Sen. Mary Landrieu's office; and Justin Crossie from Sen. David Vitter's office.

"This has been a really good year for the Port of South Louisiana and all ports of Louisiana in terms of funding for infrastructure projects, and we want to thank you all for your assistance," said Executive Director, Joel Chaisson. "We also want to especially thank Rep. Faucheux and Rep. Quezaire who will finish their tenures at the end of this year, Chaisson added. Rep. Quezaire's membership and chairmanship of the House Transportation Committee and Rep. Faucheux's membership on the Ways and Means Committee have been very beneficial to this port."

All members of the Louisiana Delegation and the Federal Congressional Delegation were presented with a commemorative world globe to signify their impact on the port.

The Port of South Louisiana is anticipating receiving millions of dollars this year for several infrastructure projects from the Louisiana Port Priority Fund and Capital Outlay Bill to assist with ongoing development at the port. On the project list is the repair and reinforcement of the access bridge to the general cargo dock; construction of a 40,000 square foot transit shed; and construction of a finger pier at the general cargo dock.

"These projects are all critical to the continued growth of the Port of South Louisiana, the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere," Chaisson remarked.

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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 largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere.



From left to right: Joel T. Chaisson, Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana; Congressman Charlie Melancon; and Louisiana Representative Gary Smith.