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## **PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA HOLDS GROUNDBREAKING AT GLOBALPLEX 40,000 sq. ft. Bulk Transit Storage Facility**

The Port of South Louisiana broke ground on a 40,000 square foot bulk transit storage facility at its Globalplex Intermodal Terminal in Reserve on May 13. The shed will assist the Port's customers, including its stevedoring partner, Associated Terminals, with handling and storing dry bulk commodities being shipped in and out of the 54-mile port district.

The 200 foot by 200 foot bulk facility is being strategically placed at the southeast corner of the industrial park adjacent to the general cargo dock access bridge.

"The Port of South Louisiana planned this facility based on the needs of its customers," said Joel Chaisson, Executive Director. "It is being built on this site to make it quick and easy for shipments to move to and from our dock for storage in the building," he added.

Truck ramps into the building and external truck docks are part of the design for loading and unloading bulk shipments. Roads are provided for vehicles to access the building and to also drive around it.

The building structure consists of pile-supported floor with large load capacity, thick concrete walls to resist loads from stored materials, and steel roof that can withstand hurricane wind forces. Large overhead doors and entrance and exit ramps are provided for the truck to pass through the building.

Allowance has been made in the design of the structure for installation of future conveyors connecting it to the river dock and to nearby railroad tracks. Building layout and location will permit future expansion of the facility to triple its current design size.

The facility was planned and designed by URS Corporation in close cooperation with the Port and its stevedoring partner, Associated Terminals. Davezac Engineering will be the Port's project representative for independent inspection and quality control. Project construction was awarded to Harris Builders, LLC in a public bid process. URS will also

oversee the construction, which is scheduled to commence once the Mississippi River drops to a safe level and be completed by June 2009.

The total cost of the project is \$6 million. Funding includes \$4.8 million from the State of Louisiana's Port Construction and Development Priority Program; \$1 million from the Port; and Associated Terminals will provide \$460,000 in "in-kind" equipment purchases.

It is anticipated that the project will create over thirty temporary construction jobs and five permanent jobs with an annual payroll of over \$200,000.



Left to right: Ray Davezac, Davezac Consulting Engineers; Henry Sullivan, Jr., Port of South Louisiana; Buddy Amedee, Port of South Louisiana; David Fennelly, Associated Terminals; Joel Chaisson, Port of South Louisiana; Barry Hoth, Associated Terminals; Mike Choudhry, URS Corporation; Louis Joseph, Port of South Louisiana; Joey Murray, Port of South Louisiana; Rusty Gaudet, Port of South Louisiana; Michael Patorno, URS Corporation

The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge encompassing St. Charles, St. John and St. James parishes, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere and accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.