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RIVER REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RREDI) HOSTS ANNUAL INDUSTRY APPRECIATION EVENT

The Port of South Louisiana and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John, and St. James, collectively known as *RREDI*, hosted the 19th Annual River Parishes Industry Appreciation reception on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 as a tribute to the industrial facilities within the Port’s district for their impact on the local economy and the vitality of the Port.

Over 150 industry leaders, including plant managers and other company representatives, members of the Port’s board of Commissioners, and parish officials were invited to enjoy an afternoon of local cuisine and music at the Port of South Louisiana Guesthouse, located in Reserve.



Port of South Louisiana Director of Business Development Linda Prudhomme as MC on behalf of Executive Director Joel T. Chaisson



Port of South Louisiana Commission President Louis A. Joseph



St. James Parish President Dale Hymel



St. Charles Parish Councilman Dennis Nuss on behalf of Parish President V.J. St. Pierre



St. John Parish President-Elect Natalie Robottom



Pictured L-R: Shane Rougee (Ergon), St. James Parish President Dale Hymel, Doug Poche (Williams Field), St. James Parish Concilman Elwyn Bocz, Pat Hotard (Williams Field), and Pieter Swanepoel (Pinnacle Polymers)



Pictured L-R: Corey Fauchaux (St. Charles Parish Economic Development), Carl Cantrelle (Praxair), and St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre



Pictured: Randy Tardo and Bobby Hill (Valero)



Pictured L-R: Julia Remondet (St. John Parish Economic Development), Doug Wakefield and Al Baumer (Baumer Foods)



Pictured L-R: Rickey Encalade (Plains Marketing), Fran Laiche and Rod Olson (Zapp's)

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

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