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RREDI HOSTS RESIDENT INDUSTRY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

VACHERIE, LOUISIANA

On April 21, 2011, the River Region Economic Development Initiative (RREDI), the marketing conglomerate comprised of St. James, St. Charles, and St. John the Baptist Parishes and the Port of South Louisiana, hosted its 20th Annual River Parishes Industry Appreciation reception in recognition of the economic impact resident industry has on the River Region.

Industry managers were treated to a breakfast at Oak Alley Plantation in Vacherie, Louisiana, where they were welcomed and thanked by Parish Presidents Dale Hymel, V.J. St. Pierre, and Natalie Robottom and the Port’s Director of Economic Development, Linda Prudhomme (on behalf of Joel Chaisson, the Port’s Executive Director).

The event was highlighted by remarks from guest speaker Peggy Hatch, Secretary of the Louisiana’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In her presentation, Ms. Hatch addressed departmental budget measures, efficiency, new initiatives, and Louisiana’s environmental improvement.





*Dale Hymel,
St. James Parish President*



*V.J. St. Pierre,
St. Charles Parish President*



*Natalie Robottom,
St. John the Baptist Parish President*



*LDEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch (R), with Marian Mergist,
Executive Assistant to the Secretary (L)*



Guest speaker LDEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch

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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