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

The Port of South Louisiana and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John, and St. James, collectively known as RREDI, sponsored and held its River Parishes Industry Appreciation event on Thursday, May 7, 2015. The event is held to recognize the contributions that the industrial facilities along the 54-mile port district make to the Port and the River Region economy.

Industry leaders, including plant managers and other company representatives, members of the Port’s Commission, parish officials, and state legislators were invited to the event. Paul G. Aucoin, Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana, along with St. Charles Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, St. John the Baptist Parish President Natalie Robottom, and St. James Parish President Timothy Roussel, welcomed attendees, who enjoyed an afternoon of Louisiana seafood at the boil held at the St. John Airport in Reserve, Louisiana.



*Ralph Phillip of Valero and Corey Faucheux of  
St. Charles Parish Economic Development*



*Jason Rome and Shane Rougee of Ergon St. James*



*Senator Gary Smith (R) with Port of South Louisiana  
Commissioner Louis A. Joseph*





*Port of South Louisiana Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin*



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



*St. John Parish President Natalie Robottom*



*St. James Parish President Timothy Roussel*

### **About the Port of South Louisiana**

The Port of South Louisiana is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John and St. James. The facilities located within the port’s district consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere, the nation’s greatest grain exporter, and the number one energy transfer port in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deep-water frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil refineries, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities for a total of more than 50 piers and docks owned and operated by an impressive group of resident tenants such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Dow, Cargill, DuPont, Motiva Enterprises, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel., Occidental, and Occidental Chemical To learn more visit our site at [www.portsl.com](http://www.portsl.com) and like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/portofsouthlouisiana).

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