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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (IEDC)

The Port of South Louisiana received a Bronze Excellence in Economic Development Award for its 2015 project in the category of Magazine for communities with populations of 25,000-200,000 from the [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 6, during the 2015 IEDC Annual Conference, which was held October 4-7, in Anchorage, Alaska.

“From localized community projects, to large scale endeavors, economic development efforts have played a vital role in the global economy,” said JoAnn Crary, CEcD, Chair of the International Economic Development Council and President of Saginaw Future Inc. “As we address new and longstanding challenges, these efforts continue to take on even greater importance. The award serves as a salute to pacesetting organizations like Port of South Louisiana for leading the charge.”

The Port of South Louisiana was selected to receive this award for its quarterly journal, the PortLog. The main goal of the publication is to keep existing and potential prospects abreast of the accomplishments, capabilities, and availabilities of the Port of South Louisiana. Also, it strives to inform its audience about what is new, interesting, current, and unique about the River Region in South Louisiana.

Recipients of IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards demonstrate to an experienced panel of judges that they are at the forefront of the economic development profession. They are recognized as the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

“I am very proud of the Port for being recognized with this special award. Fortunately, we have a lot of exciting things happening at the Port of South Louisiana that we can share with readers,” said Paul G. Aucoin, Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana. He added, “Completion of each quarterly issue is certainly a team effort, but I want to especially commend Linda Prudhomme, Lisa Braud, and Alex Hernández [the Port's Business Development team] for the exemplary work they do in preparing the PortLog for publication. I'd also like to recognize Renaissance Publishing for its extraordinary design work in making the PortLog an exceptional magazine. We have so much to be proud of and we want our marketing materials to reflect that.”



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About the International Economic Development Council

The [International Economic Development Council](http://www.iedconline.org) (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization serving economic developers. With more than 4,600 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base. From public to private, rural to urban, and local to international, IEDC's members are engaged in the full range of economic development experience. Given the breadth of economic development work, our members are employed in a wide variety of settings including local, state, provincial and federal governments, public private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions. When we succeed, our members create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions. www.iedconline.org.

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 and like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/portsl).

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