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## **PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA AWARDED \$13.4M FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

*Grant is slated for improvements at the Port's public facility, Globalplex Intermodal Terminal*

The Port of South Louisiana is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$13.4 million federal port infrastructure development grant for improvements at Globalplex Intermodal Terminal. The project submitted for consideration and subsequent award is fully intermodal in that it will include a new heavy capacity dock access bridge, an access road, a rail spur, and a dry storage area with conveyors to move bulk material.

“These grant funds will go a long way to assist the Port with many very important multi-modal projects,” says Executive Director Paul Aucoin. “We want to thank Senators Cassidy and Kennedy, and Congressmen Scalise, Graves, and Richmond for their support and assistance. The Port also appreciates the confidence Secretary Elaine Chao has in the Port in awarding us this multi-modal grant.”

These improvements will allow efficient transportation and storage of bulk and breakbulk material by rail, water, and truck. These upgrades will complement projects currently underway, including dock reinforcement and new mobile harbor cranes, and stimulate nearby industrial development by allowing the dry storage and transloading of various construction materials.

“Louisiana’s ports are vital to ensure a thriving economy,” said Senator Bill Cassidy, MD. “This grant provides improvements to the Port of South Louisiana that will foster economic growth and vessel efficiency on the Mississippi River.”

### **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 (and the 16<sup>th</sup> largest in the world), the nation’s greatest grain exporter, and one of the major energy transfer ports 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 docks owned and operated by an impressive group of companies in the Port District, such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Cargill, DowDupont, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel, Occidental, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. The Port also owns and operates the Executive Regional Airport (KAPS). To learn more, visit us at [www.portsl.com](http://www.portsl.com), like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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