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## PORT AND PARISHES HOST INDUSTRY EVENT

The Port of South Louisiana and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John, and St. James sponsored and held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual River Parishes Industry Appreciation event on Tuesday, April 15. 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 Parishes region economy.

Approximately 100 industry leaders including plant managers and other company representatives, members of the Port's Commission, parish officials, representatives from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, state legislators, and the region's U.S. Congressional District attended the event. This year's guests enjoyed an afternoon of Louisiana seafood at the Port's Guesthouse, located within it's Globalplex Intermodal Terminal in Reserve.

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The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge encompassing St. Charles, St. John and St. James parishes, is the largest tonnage port in the western hemisphere and accounts for over 50% of all Louisiana imports/exports.