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## RREDI COMMENDS RESIDENT INDUSTRY AT ANNUAL RECEPTION

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On the afternoon of April 21<sup>st</sup>, resident industry managers and representatives were recognized by members of the River Region Economic Development Initiative (RREDI) for their dedication and contribution to the river region economy. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual River Parishes Industry Appreciation event, sponsored by the Port of South Louisiana and the parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James (RREDI), was held at the Port of South Louisiana Guesthouse, located on the grounds of its Globalplex Intermodal Terminal.

Industry leaders enjoyed an afternoon of Louisiana cuisine and music alongside members of the Port of South Louisiana commission, parish presidents and their council members. Approximately 80 people were in attendance.







Top Row: Joel T. Chaisson, Port of South Louisiana Executive Director; Dale Hymel, St. James Parish President Bottom Row: Ronnie Smith, St. John the Baptist Parish Councilman; V.J. St. Pierre, St. Charles Parish President

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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