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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO LOUISIANA BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE BY GOVERNOR EDWARDS



On August 5th, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards announced the appointment of Port of South Louisiana Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin to the Louisiana Board of International Commerce (LaBIC).

LaBIC, whose distinguished members serve in all capacities of trade and business development, was formed to advance Louisiana’s international commerce initiatives in an effort to enhance the state’s position in international trade by attracting foreign and domestic investment and boost the state’s trade-based economy. Paul, who has successfully served as executive director of the Port of South Louisiana for the past three years, will serve as a representative of international ports.

Paul was nominated by the River Region Chamber of Commerce and the Port of South Louisiana. Prior to his engagement as executive director, he was Port of South Louisiana’s legal counsel. Paul has served as director and chairman of various organizations including current appointments to the World Trade Center of New Orleans Board of Directors, the River Region Chamber of Commerce, and the St. James Parish Economic Development Board. Aucoin, born and raised in St. John the Baptist Parish, has been practicing law since receiving his Juris Doctor from Loyola University Law School in 1970.

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 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, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. To learn more, visit us at www.portsl.com, like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/portsl), and follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/portsl).

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