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## PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED WITH WORLD TRADE CENTER OF NEW ORLEANS AWARDS

New Orleans, LA.

Last week, the World Trade Center of New Orleans celebrated Louisiana International Trade Week, a week-long event that included industry panel sessions and workshops. Presenting sponsors were the Port of South Louisiana and Associated Terminals.

The week's activities culminated last Friday evening, November 3, 2017, with the Louisiana International Trade Jubilee, a black-tie celebratory affair and fundraiser benefiting the World Trade Center of New Orleans. During the Jubilee, the Port of South Louisiana's Executive Director Paul Aucoin received this year's Eugene J. Schreiber Award, established in memory of the late Eugene "Gene" Schreiber, which honors an individual who demonstrates exceptional knowledge and leadership in promoting international trade policy for the benefit of the State of Louisiana.

Additionally, Aucoin received the World Trade Center of New Orleans' highest honor, The Order of the Plimsoll Mark, for his contribution to world peace, trade, and understanding.

"I am honored and humbled to receive these prestigious awards," said Aucoin. "A lot of people besides myself are responsible for my receipt of them, including the commissioners and staff of the Port of South Louisiana."

Previous recipients of the Schreiber Award include Senator Mary Landrieu, Congressman Charles Boustany, Jr. MD, Hon. James Coleman, Jr. CBE, and Gary P. LaGrange.

Recipients of "The Order of the Plimsoll Mark" include President Reagan, President George H.W. Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Madeline Albright.





Other awards presented at the Jubilee were: SPF Depot of Bossier City, Louisiana received the Award for Excellence in International Trade and Janine Mansour, Commercial Director for the Port of New Orleans, was the recipient of the Young and Emerging Leader Award.



Port of South Louisiana Executive Director Paul Aucoin receiving the Eugene J. Schreiber Award (left) and The Order of the Plimsoll Mark (right)

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## **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 resident tenants such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Dow, Cargill, DuPont, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel, Occidental, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. To learn more, visit us at <a href="https://www.portsl.com">www.portsl.com</a>, like us on Facebook, and follow us on LinkedIn.

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