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**PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA CELEBRATES RIBBON
CUTTING FOR GLOBALPLEX DOCK ACCESS BRIDGE**

RESERVE, LA. – The Port of South Louisiana today celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Globalplex Dock Access Bridge, a major infrastructure investment that strengthens cargo reliability, improves operational efficiency, and expands the Port's ability to handle heavy and oversized loads. The project is fully funded through the Federal Maritime Administration and the State of Louisiana's Capital Outlay program.



The new dock access bridge provides a critical second connection between Globalplex's main facility and its primary dock on the Mississippi River. This added redundancy ensures uninterrupted dock access and significantly enhances the facility's capacity to support modern freight movement.

"This project represents a long-term investment in reliability, resilience, and regional economic growth," said **Julia Fisher Cormier, Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana**. "The Globalplex Dock Access Bridge strengthens our ability to serve existing and future customers, improves safety and efficiency for cargo movement,

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and demonstrates the Port's continued commitment to building infrastructure that supports Louisiana's role in global trade."



"Building the Globalplex Access Bridge was a true team effort – one that required exceptional collaboration between our crews and the Port of South Louisiana every step of the way," said **RNGD's Stephen Abadie**. "We're incredibly proud of what this project represents for the region's infrastructure and the lasting impact it will have on commerce along the Mississippi."

The new dock access bridge is designed to support 1,000 pounds per square foot, allowing fully loaded trailer trucks and heavy or oversized equipment to move safely and efficiently throughout the facility.



Executive Director Julia Fisher-Cormier (center) with L-R: Commission Secretary Bazile, Commissioner Duhé, Commissioner Burks, Commission Chairman Murray, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Hebert, Commission Treasurer LeBlanc, Commission Vice Chairman Scontrino, and Commissioner Dumas

Currently, if the single existing dock access bridge becomes unavailable, the dock cannot be used and scheduled vessel calls must be diverted to other ports. The second bridge eliminates this vulnerability by providing continuous access to the dock, even if one bridge is out of service. It also improves efficiency by allowing trucks to operate in a circular traffic pattern, reducing congestion and speeding loading and unloading operations.



About the Port of South Louisiana

Founded in 1960, the Port of South Louisiana [PortSL] is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James. PortSL is the largest port in Louisiana and #2 in the Western Hemisphere. It ranks as the #1 U.S. grain exporter and #2 U.S. energy transfer port. PortSL sits within Louisiana's historic industrial corridor and is home to seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil refineries, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities, including the Executive Regional Airport.

About Globalplex

Globalplex Intermodal Terminal is a 335-acre multimodal industrial and logistics complex and general cargo dock operated by Associated Terminals at the Port of South Louisiana in Reserve, Louisiana. With river, rail, and highway access, Globalplex supports a wide range of cargo and industrial tenants and plays a key role in attracting new investment and job creation to the River Parishes region.

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