

THE PORT REPORT

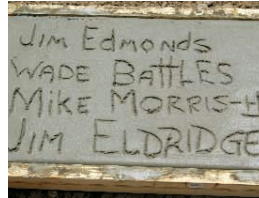
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AT LAST! PHA Breaks Ground at Bayport

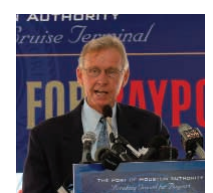
Construction is now under way on the long-awaited, technologically advanced, environmentally friendly container and cruise terminal. During the June 21 ceremonial groundbreaking at the industrial site, Chairman Jim Edmonds and the PHA commissioners were joined by more than 300 invited guests including Congressman Kevin Brady, Texas Secretary of State Geoffrey Connor, Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, Pasadena City Councilman Bill Welch, Houston City Council Member Carol Alvarado, Walt Neimand of the West Gulf Maritime Association, Clyde Fitzgerald of the International Longshoremen's Association, and David Zachry of Zachry Construction Corporation as well as several PHA executives, staff members, and contractors.



Built out in phases over 15 to 20 years, Bayport will have enough space for seven ships and a

378-acre container storage yard. It will have a maximum capacity of about 2.3 million TEUs – a 200 percent increase over PHA's current container handling capacity. The facility is expected to create approximately 39,000 jobs and contribute approximately \$1.6 billion to the Texas economy.

Completion of the first phase – including 1,660 feet of wharf and approximately 65 acres of facility – is targeted for mid-2006.



May Commission Meeting Highlights

- Zachry Construction Corporation was awarded a \$62 million contract for wharf construction and dredging at Bayport.
- Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery Co., Ltd. was awarded a \$30.6 million contract for four dockside electric container cranes for Bayport.
- Paradigm Consultants received the commission's top ranking for consideration of a contract for concrete testing at Bayport.
- A new RFQ was authorized for design/build services for the Bayport mitigation project along Memorial Tract on Red Bluff Road.
- A \$20,188 inter-governmental agreement was authorized for the City of Shoreacres to provide security services at Bayport.
- Agreements and change orders totaling an estimated \$4 million were approved for PHA's participation in the Radiation Portal Monitoring Project, a cargo container screening initiative mandated by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Service to prevent imports of nuclear and radiological materials.
- A \$24,000 inter-governmental agreement was approved for the City of Morgan's Point to provide security services at Barbour's Cut Container Terminal.
- Forde Construction Company, Inc. was awarded an estimated \$1.1 million contract for construction of the sound wall for Phase 1 of the entry/exit pre-check and inspection facilities at Barbour's Cut.
- An agreement was approved for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (formerly the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation) to engage in economic development activities aimed at promoting the development and enhancement of port facilities and operations. Cost: \$25,000 per year for two years.
- The ArtworkZ Public Art & Design Program at the Museum of Cultural Arts Houston received a \$51,506 commission to create a tile mosaic mural depicting the Port's 90-year history for display at the PHA Visitor's Center Pavilion.

Celebrating Small Business Successes

A special June 8 reception included a salute to Forde Construction Co., Inc., the first firm to graduate from PHA's Small Business Development Program as a result of the company owner's net worth exceeding the eligibility limit of \$750,000.

The celebration also included a ceremony recognizing the first class of vendor companies to complete Port University, a new initiative that mentors and facilitates small business participation in the PHA's contracting and procurement processes. Port U. courses are taught by PHA staff members from the engineering, environmental, operations, trade development, purchasing, risk management and legal departments.

REMINDER! The next small business networking forum is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the lunch room of the PHA Executive Office Building. Various PHA staff members will be available to answer questions about current proposals and refreshments will be served.

Vendors in Port University's first class:

Nancy Anderson, A-Affordable Vacuum Service
Maria Contreras, B-W Industrial Supply Co.
Brent Daniel, AB Engineering LLC
Terry Gomes, Advantech Systems2, Inc.
Ann Guliex, All-N-One Services, LLC
Lloyd Wayne Jernigan, 20/20 Diversified Services
Cornell L. Johnson, Cand CNET Associates, Inc.
Robert Juarez, City Build Utility Supply
Rashid Khalfe, All Printing, Inc.
Prasad Kolluru, Amani Engineering
Edward Malveaux, Computer Network System
Emmitt Penelton, Delta IT Solutions
Catherine Price, Quaternary Resources
Iris Robinson, EZ Nationwide Enterprises
Vicki Roy, BQR Advertising
Rami Tuffaha, ACE Consulting Engineers
Bill Turney, Augusta Marketing Products



Grand Opening: The Baltic Nation of Latvia

Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga visited Houston to publicize her small country's recent entry into the European Union and its desire to capitalize from its ability to import and export. The president's visit to the Port of Houston focused on her desire to attract foreign investments into the country's steel, mining, furniture and textile markets.

The eastern European nation, which lies between Lithuania and Estonia, has three harbor cities and a population just under that of Harris County. Latvia was controlled by the Soviet Union until 1991.



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