



THE PORT REPORT

PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY

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President's "E Star" Award Given to PHA for Export Service



The Port of Houston Authority was among only four organizations to receive the 2007 President's "E Star" Award for export service in recognition of its continuing support of export growth in the U.S.

business community for at least five years. The prestigious award, authorized by the Secretary of Commerce on August 4, 1969, affords continuing recognition of noteworthy export promotion efforts.

"The Port of Houston Authority is helping to keep America competitive in the global marketplace," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez. "Thanks to the PHA and the thousands of others that compete in the global market, U.S. exports last year rose 12.6 percent over the previous year to more than \$1.6 trillion."

The port saw sustained growth from 2002 to 2006, fueled by a strategically beneficial central location, a robust regional economy producing vital raw materials and the expansion of major trading partners' need for U.S. goods. PHA Chairman Jim Edmonds, Commissioners Steve Phelps, James Fonteno, Jimmy Burke, Janiece Longoria and Elyse Lanier and executive team members Tom Kornegay, Wade Battles and Jimmy Jamison attended the May 20 ceremony.



President George W. Bush welcomes Jim Edmonds and Tom Kornegay of the Port of Houston Authority, recipients of the 2007 President's "E" Award and "E Star" Award for Export Achievement, Tuesday, May 20, in the Oval Office. Also joined by Texas Congressman Gene Green. White House photo by Chris Greenberg.

East End Chamber Celebrates Port Appreciation Day



PHA Commissioners Steve Phelps, Jimmy A. Burke, PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds, PHA Commissioners James Fonteno, Elyse Lanier and PHA Executive Director H. Thomas Kornegay.

The East End Chamber of Commerce hosted Port Appreciation Day on May 14 in recognition of the port's significant contribution as an economic engine for the area, generating jobs and economic activity.

Annually, more than 7,700 vessels call at the Port of Houston. Among the largest ports in the world, Houston's port is ranked first in the United States in foreign waterborne tonnage and second in total tonnage.

The Port of Houston's connection with the East End goes back nearly a century. The Port of Houston Authority has a continuing partnership with the East End Chamber to create new opportunities for area businesses.

Brazilian Delegation Visits PHA to Explore Expansion Opportunities

A delegation of diplomats and businesspeople from Brazil visited the Port of Houston Authority on April 28 to explore opportunities for expansion at the Port of Brazil. The group, which was accompanied by PHA's Brazil representative, John Cuttino, heard presentations from the Greater Houston Partnership, PHA's Trade Development Division and Port of Houston Association International Corporation. They also participated in an offsite seminar given by Brazilian state department representatives, with a keynote address by Minister Pedro Brito, ministry head, secretaria especial de portos. Brazil is a leading export trade partner with the Port of Houston, with total export tonnage of 2.7 million and total value of \$2.7 billion in 2007.



Leading the 60 visitors were Brito; Ambassador Antonio Jose Rezende Castro; Fernando Fialho, director, Agencia Nacional de Transportes Aquaviarios (ANTAQ); and Minister Sardinha Pinto, director, Departamento de Promoção Comercial do Ministério das Relações Exteriores.

April Port Commission Highlights

At its April 30 meeting, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority:

- Approved issuance of a \$1.2 million purchase order based on H-GAC pricing to Motorola Inc., for the purchase of 334 radios for use by Barbours Cut Terminal and Port Police on the Harris County Regional Network.
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for concrete replacement at Wharf Nos. 23, 26 and 29 and Lower Level Road at the Turning Basin Terminal at an estimated \$2.1 million to \$2.45 million.
- Awarded a Professional Services Contract to SAIC for energy savings performance contracting services for \$80,000.
- Approved advertising and receipt of qualification-based proposals for project outlines for a site selection study for a future container terminal.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the executive director to make and file an expansion application with the Foreign Trade Zones Board for the addition of seven properties to the Houston General Purpose Foreign Trade Zone.



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Team PHA Rides Hard in BP MS150

The final money figures are in and they indicate the 2008 Port of Houston Authority's BP MS150 team's performance was a record-setting one. A total of 80 riders – more than twice in any of the previous years – made the grueling, two-day bike ride to Austin on April 12 and 13. In addition, PHA has raised a record \$48,832.

PHA Cruise Marketing Manager Kay Adams organized this year's event for the port authority, while Dick Gement, PHA systems and programming manager, coordinated a well-trained and supportive team of volunteers.

The event – the largest of its kind in the nation – is an annual fund-raiser in the fight against multiple sclerosis, a crippling disease affecting more than 400,000 people in the U.S.



Clean & Green Car Wins Award



Clean & Green on wheels—decorated in an environmentally friendly floral design by artist David Dorman, the Clean & Green car won first place in the Best Sponsor award category at the 21st Annual Houston Art Car Parade on May 10. Kelly Losee drove the colorful winning entry.

CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

Another 116 cubic yards of stormwater trash was removed from Buffalo Bayou by Clean & Green Program workers in April, bringing the total since program inception to 1,448 cubic yards. In just nine months, nearly 58 garbage truckloads of trash have been collected.

Questions?

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