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Port of Houston-wide Job Fair Delivers Jobs

More than 50 private and public companies along the Houston Ship Channel participated in the first Port of Houston-wide Job Fair to promote more than 1,000 open positions. More than 2,300 job seekers attended.

The Port of Houston Authority collaborated with The WorkSource, the West Gulf Maritime Association, San Jacinto College and the Economic Alliance



Port Region to host the Oct. 11 job fair at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center in Deer Park.

“As it has for 90 years, the Port of Houston delivers not only the goods, but also delivers jobs to the Houston region,” said PHA Commissioner Janiece Longoria, who gave

the official welcome to the event. “Participation in this first Port of Houston-wide Job Fair is yet another demonstration of our commitment to the goal of delivering quality jobs to the Houston region.”



Cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the Port of Houston-wide Job Fair were PHA Commissioner Janiece Longoria (center) with, from left: Frank Thompson, chair, Gulf Coast Workforce Board; PHA Commissioner Steve Phelps; Walter Niemand, president, West Gulf Maritime Association; Mayor Wayne Riddle, City of Deer Park; William Lindemann, chancellor, San Jacinto College District; Mayor Jack Douglass, City of Pasadena; Ron Crabtree, City Manager, City of Deer Park; and Jim Gilbert, chairman of the board, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region.

Brewing Success at Coffee Symposium

Reflecting coffee’s strong role in the region’s economic development, the Houston Port Region’s Third Annual Coffee Symposium on Nov. 13 will focus on “Java and Jobs: Creating Economic Stimulus in the Houston Port Region.” Port of Houston Authority Commissioner Jimmy A. Burke has served as chair of the event since 2005.



Sponsored by the Port of Houston Authority, the Greater Houston Coffee Association, and the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, the symposium will feature international speakers, including: Brazilian coffee planter Luiz Marcos Suplicy Hafers; Robert Nelson, National Coffee Association; Matthew Brauner, Brauner International Corp.; Gary Stopka, Sara Lee Coffee & Tea; Scott Singleton, Kadena Strategies, Inc.; John Heimsath, ACM Logistics & Consulting, Inc.; Ed Faubert, L.E. Faubert & Co.; and Carlos de Aldecoa Bueno, Greater Houston Coffee Association and Cadeco Industries.

For more information, visit www.javahouston.com.



Hafers



Nelson



Bueno

September Port Commission Highlights

At its September 25 meeting, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority:

- Approved a change order to McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. for Bayport Terminal Complex Phase 1 Container Yard - Stage 1 for \$186,929. This is required to adjust manhole elevations to facilitate drainage, to modify crane tiedown locations and to revise duct bank locations.
- Approved a change order to Morganti Texas, Inc., for Bayport Cruise Terminal Complex – Phase 1 Terminal Building for \$180,938. This change order modifies steel frame connection details and paint systems that will reduce future maintenance.
- Approved specifications and advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for the purchase of one 49,000-pound capacity forklift machine for \$280,000 and eight yard tractors for an estimated \$650,000 for Bayport Container Terminal. By March 2008, an additional 50-acre container yard will be completed. As terminal demands increase, the maintenance of cranes and terminal equipment will require the use of a large forklift for continuous lifting of heavy components.



Port of Houston Authority
Commissioner Jimmy Burke

\$250 Million in Proposed Bond Funds Will Help Meet PHA's 'Most Immediate' Needs

On August 21, 2007, Harris County Commissioners approved the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority's request to call an election this fall to seek voters' approval of \$250 million in bonds to support port projects. If approved, bond funds would be used to help meet PHA's most immediate needs for capital improvements over the next four years.

"Following analysis of the port authority's long-range capital improvement needs, in early August, we presented county officials with our preliminary \$550 million bond request," said James T. Edmonds, PHA chairman. "We then worked closely with the county to target our request to reflect the port authority's most immediate needs, and so eliminate any expected impact to the Harris County tax rate."

The bond funds would be primarily used to continue construction of the Bayport Container and Cruise Terminal, improve port security and fund environmentally beneficial projects. The PHA Bond Election will be part of the general election on November 6, 2007. Early voting began on October 22, and runs through November 2.



Clean & Green Delivers a Strong Start

In the first 60 days of the Clean & Green Port of Houston Program, nearly 750 community service worker hours were used to remove 256 cubic yards of trash from a seven-mile stretch of the Buffalo Bayou — enough trash to fill nearly seven garbage trucks.

Five days a week, a land-based crew collects litter and trash from the banks of the waterway, while a waterborne crew works from a skimmer boat to clean storm drains, banks and other natural collection areas. Aiming to collect more than 10 cubic yards of debris a day over the next year — enough to fill 83 garbage trucks — the program focuses on a seven-mile stretch of the bayou from the Shepherd Street bridge to the East Loop 610 bridge overlooking the Turning Basin.

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