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Message from the PAL Office

July has been a long hot month at the PAL office – and everywhere else in south Louisiana. However, welcomed afternoon showers have helped to cool things off and to keep things going.

We are busily preparing for the Annual Coastal Workshop to be held at Port Fourchon in late August. We are looking forward to introducing our guests to one of the busiest ports on the Gulf and providing them with facts and figures about the impact of our industry on Louisiana's economy.

Our Associate Membership continues to grow and in this issue of *News from the Docks*, we welcome three more new members. We are pleased to see that our message is spreading!

Legislative Update

Legislative Session Ends, Campaign Season Begins

Now that the 2003 regular legislative session has ended, the state capitol is almost empty as many legislators take advantage of the post session conferences and enjoy a little slower pace. It won't last long; campaign season is just around the corner, with qualifying the week of August 19–21. The first primary will be held October 4 and the run-off is November 15. Almost 1000 offices will be decided including Governor, Lt. Governor, A.G., State Senators & Representatives, Sheriffs (except Orleans), Assessors etc.

PAL will be watching the races closely as a number of industry supporters will be

challenged. The next four years will be crucial to the maritime industry and the Ports Association of Louisiana wants to be at the table when it comes to transportation issues and policy of any new administration.

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PORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM

Eight applications were submitted for consideration last November. Two were withdrawn, six were judged to meet program criteria and were recommended at the Public Hearing in February. The Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works adopted the Recommended Program at the Joint Committee Meeting in March.

The Capital Outlay Bill contained a \$20 million appropriation for the Program. This allowed funding for the following projects:

(Continuing Projects)

Amount Funded

Greater Lafourche Port Commission – Northern Expansion Phase 1 Part C -----	\$3,000,000
Port of New Orleans – Harmony St. Wharf & Shed Capital Rehabilitation - - - - -	\$88,926
Caddo-Bossier Parish Port Commission – Slack Water Harbor - - - - -	\$1,562,979
Port of South Louisiana – Globalplex Bulk Dock #2 -----	\$3,000,000

(New Projects)

Amount Funded

Caddo-Bossier Parish Port Commission- Liquid Wharf & Terminal, Additional Storage and Railroad - - - - -	\$1,437,021
Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District – City Docks, Roof Rehabilitation, Transit Sheds 4,	

5, 6, 7, 9 & 15 ----- \$1,890,000
 Red River Parish Port Commission – Dock
 Storage Pad, Office Access Road -----
 ----- \$2,645,796
 Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District – City
 Docks, Rehabilitation of Rail System -----
 ----- \$1,110,000
 Port of New Orleans- Rehabilitation of
 Esplanade Ave. Wharf & Shed ---2,765,880
 St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal – Arabi
 Terminal Dock No. 1, Dry- Bulk Facility ----
 ----- \$2,450,681

(Economic Evaluation)

Amount Funded

UNO Ports and Waterways Institute - - \$48,717

After these projects have been funded at the amounts listed above, a balance of \$6,777,360 will remain to be funded in a future fiscal year. The following projects will need more funds:

(Project Name)

Amount

Greater Lafourche Port Commission – Northern
 Expansion Phase 1 Part C ----- \$2,174,992
 Port of South Louisiana – Globalplex Bulk Dock
 # 2 ----- \$2,633,439
 Caddo-Bossier Parish Port Commission- Liquid
 Wharf & Terminal, Additional Storage and
 Railroad ----- \$62,979
 Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District – City
 Docks, Rehabilitation of Rail System -----
 ----- \$852,031
 St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal – Arabi
 Terminal Dock No. 1, Dry-Bulk Facility ----
 ----- \$1,053,919

Associate Member Profiles

G.E.C., Inc

G.E.C., Inc. (GEC) is a firm of more than 130 professional engineers, hydrologists, economists, biologists, and planners specializing in navigation, flood control, and highway transportation infrastructure analysis and design. GEC is headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and from this location has provided consulting services to clients throughout the continental U.S. In recent years, to better serve its clients, GEC has opened branch offices in Jacksonville, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Lafayette, Louisiana; and Delaplane, Virginia.

GEC originated in the mid-1980s with an emphasis on structural engineering design and grew to a firm of about 60 employees. In the late 1980s GEC gained an immediate presence in water resources project planning when it acquired the economic and environmental divisions of Gulf South Research Institute. The resulting multidisciplinary capabilities enabled GEC to become one of the nation’s leading water resources planning firms.

GEC specializes in the provision of engineering, economics, environmental, planning, GIS, and security services to Federal, state, and local agencies. Navigation is one of the major program areas at GEC with more than 100 navigation projects completed.

A few of the current navigation projects underway include: (1) an economic analysis and EIS for dredged material management on the Miami River in Florida; (2) an economic analysis of navigation impacts on the Arkansas River navigation channel from failure of the White River cut-off containment structure; (3) a small harbor navigation project at Ponce de Leon Inlet, Florida; (4) an initial evaluation of realignment of the GIWW at Port Isabel, Texas; and (5) a port feasibility study at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

GEC has been an associate member of PAL since 2000. For more information on GEC visit their website at <http://www.gecinc.com>.

Innovative Emergency Management (IEM)

IEM employs nearly 200 emergency managers, risk analysts, engineers, planners, and other specialists focused on ensuring public safety. An international consulting firm, IEM provides services to government, industry, and business with special emphasis on the use of information technology and business process re-engineering to manage risks.

IEM is headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with additional offices in Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Georgia; Salt Lake City, Utah; Abingdon, Maryland; Anniston, Alabama; and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

IEM’s in-depth knowledge of exercises, port operations, and emergency management enables their experts to accurately translate cutting-edge process improvement strategies and tools into

the port environment. IEM leverages proven principles of time compression and total quality management for use in grant writing, exercise execution, port vulnerability assessments, and mitigation planning.

A minority woman-owned business, IEM is a 2003 recipient of the prestigious Lantern Award from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and was named 2001 Louisiana Technology Company of the Year. The company can be found on the World Wide Web at www.ieminc.com.

Corporate Member News

Port of Lake Charles

R. Adam McBride, former head of the Port of Wilmington, Del., has been selected as the new director of the Port of Lake Charles. McBride beat out finalists taken from a pool of 55 applicants from across the country. In 1999 he was appointed as the executive director of the Diamond State Port Corporation, which oversees the Port of Wilmington. He has 23 years of port and cargo management experience.



McBride graduated in Business Administration in 1976 from Camosun College in Victoria, British Columbia. He later obtained his Certified Management Accountant designation and his Fellow-Society of Chartered Administrators designation. He also completed the Anatomy of Shipping program at Cambridge University in England. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Port Authorities.

Interim Port Director Dennis Stine said he was very pleased with the selection of McBride. "I think he is a superstar. He is an excellent port director. In every individual I spoke to across the country about this man, they gave him nothing but A's," Stine told the American Press.

Port of New Orleans

This month the Port of New Orleans handled a shipment of circus animals, which arrived by

rail. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus brought 11 horses and eight elephants in railcars to the Port of New Orleans Place. The animals and other circus-related vehicles wound their way through the city to New Orleans Arena where the circus is performing.

The circus arrived in New Orleans on Union Pacific Railroad. The Port of New Orleans is hosting the Ringling Bros. circus train at the Stuydocks Intermodal Yard. Transporting the circus animals to Henderson Street was coordinated by New Orleans Public Belt Railroad.



Port of Baton Rouge

The new 10-acre Dow Chemical container marshalling and storage yard opened July 16th at the port's Inland Rivers Marine Terminal. It is just one component of a broader vision that could bring considerable economic benefits to area shippers, maritime workers, and the Greater Baton Rouge area.

According to Roger Richard, CEO of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge, the opening of the Dow Louisiana Operations Container Yard is one piece of the port's strategic plan to bring economic development and a new intermodal transportation option to the port region, based on offering container-on-barge service from the IRMT. "Our vision for the IRMT also includes a public terminal, a rail spur to the barge terminal and warehouse, special equipment to handle containers, and several other improvements to provide a new shipping option for importers and exporters in this region," said Richard. The Inland Rivers Marine Terminal is located on a slack water canal off the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

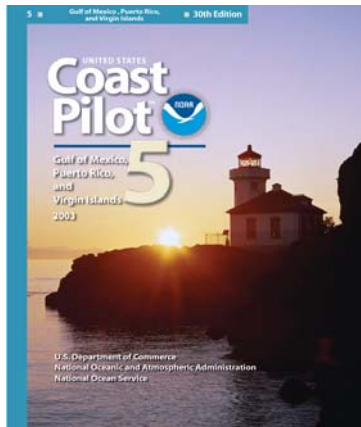
Federal Update

Legislation

On July 24th the Senate defeated a proposal by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., which would have guaranteed hundreds of millions of dollars for port-security grants. Hollings' amendment to the Homeland Security budget bill was voted down 50-48. The amendment would have assured that ports would get \$300 million of more than \$800 million in critical-infrastructure protection funding for the Office of Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection.

Coast Guard Revision of Coast Pilot #5

The Coast Guard has called for revision of Chapter 5 of the Coast Pilot that covers the state from the Mississippi River to the Sabine. Any edits, comments or updates to the information contained in this chapter will be appreciated. It is the objective to make this document as accurate and useful as possible.



You may view this material at <http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot.htm>

Welcome New Associate Members

PAL would like to welcome three new Associate Members.

GNESYS, Inc. is a manufacturer of Hydrasep, an advanced oil water separator. They are located in New Orleans and Mr. Stan Jahncke will be PAL's contact person.

MTT Manufacturing, LLC is located at the Port of West St. Mary. They manufacture fire pumps and other equipment. PAL's contact will be Monty Warren.

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson is a law firm located in Baton Rouge. PAL's contact will be W. Brett Mason.

If you have news to share, please send the PAL office a press release, and we will include it in the next issue.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 7th – PAL Board Meeting
Richmond Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

August 28th – PAL Board Meeting
Port Fourchon

October 2nd – Pal Board Meeting
Richmond Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

March 17-19, 2004 - PAL 21st Annual Conference
Houma, LA

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