



## FACT SHEET

# BAYPORT ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Built out in phases over approximately 20 years, the Bayport complex will have enough space for seven ships and a 378-acre container storage yard. It will have a maximum capacity of about 1.4 million containers – a 200 percent increase over the Port Authority’s current container handling capacity.
- Bayport is expected to create approximately 39,000 jobs.
- Bayport is expected to contribute approximately \$1.6 billion to the Texas economy through wages and tax revenues over the next several years.
- Following the granting of the permit, the PHA awarded two contracts to Zachry Construction Corporation for Bayport Phase 1A: a \$62 million contract for wharf construction and dredging, and a \$37.9 million contract for construction of the container yard. In its proposal for the latter contract, Zachry stated its commitment to meet and exceed the PHA’s requirements for environmental quality, small business sub-contractor participation, and community outreach. The company committed is providing an electrical batch plant on-site at Bayport and other measures to reduce truck traffic, dust, and air emissions. To minimize impacts to local residents and roadways, the company is also limiting the amount of construction work performed at night. Additionally, Zachry’s plan calls for an average of 55 percent small business sub-contractor participation in its contracts by:
  - Aviles Engineering Corporation
  - A-1 Hyromulch of Texas, Inc.
  - Advancetech Systems 2, Inc.
  - A&N Consulting
  - BMT 2000, L.P.
  - Busby Associates, Inc.
  - CRA, Inc.
  - Emerald Standard Services, Inc.
  - D’Ambra Construction Corporation
  - Great Bear Construction
  - Highway Pavement Specialties, Inc.
  - LA Utilities, Inc.
  - Miller Paving & Construction, Inc.
  - Silva Contracting Co., Inc.
  - Jerry L. Driver Services
  - Trinh Design
  - Farm Foundation Drilling
  - Engineering Products, Inc.
- The east end of Bayport is dedicated to a new cruise port. As many as three cruise vessels at a time will be handled at these secure, modern passenger terminals.

According to Business Research & Economic Advisors (BREA) of Exton, Pennsylvania:

- Nearly 400,000 passengers embark on cruises to the western Caribbean and Mexico from the ports of Galveston and Houston.
- \$631 million in direct spending by the cruise industry and its passengers in Texas during 2003 generated \$667 million in total output, more than 9,767 jobs throughout the state, and \$425 million in wages and salaries.
- Direct economic impacts were derived from air transportation of cruise passengers, pre- and post-cruise tourism, and the provisioning and servicing of ships.
- Indirect economic benefits resulted in part from the additional spending by the suppliers to the cruise industry (e.g. food processors, utility services, transportation services, insurance, etc.)