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PHA Celebrates 8th Record-breaking Year

In 2007, the Port of Houston Authority achieved its eighth consecutive year of record-breaking operating revenue. Year-end numbers project that the PHA increased operating revenue by \$24 million, or 14 percent, over the previous year. "We could not have reached this achievement without the leadership of our dedicated port commissioners and port staff, who have remained committed to the business priorities that serve as the benchmark to the measurement of our success," said PHA Executive Director H. Thomas Kornegay, who gave the presentation at the January 22 Port Commission meeting.

The eight system-wide priority areas in which PHA achieved record-breaking success are: economic impact; premier container, cargo and cruise port; financial strength; safe and secure port; improving facilities and waterways; environmental protector, steward; strong community, industry and government relations; and a strong workplace.

The PowerPoint of his presentation, "2007 – A Record-Breaking Year," is available on the PHA Web site, www.portofhouston.com.



USDA Bid Points Program Expands in Houston



U.S. Rep. Gene Green

The diligence and assistance of U.S. Rep. Gene Green has been instrumental in the expansion of the U.S. Department of Agriculture bid points program at the Port of Houston, from two to 11 bid points.

The program involves the delivery and shipping of USDA Food Aid cargo, which is exported to developing countries for economic development and humanitarian purposes. The expanded bid points program is expected to ensure greater efficiencies and lower costs in the bidding, handling and shipping procedures.

"We are excited about the implementation of the multiple bid points at the Port of Houston," says H. Thomas Kornegay, PHA executive director. "This process provides the freight handlers the opportunity to work directly with the commodity suppliers in quoting their rates and services."

Kornegay Named 2008 Engineer of the Year

Port of Houston Authority Executive Director H. Thomas Kornegay has been selected by representatives of various Houston engineering organizations as the 2008 "Engineer of the Year." Kornegay was named to this annual honor because of a distinguished record of service to his profession, contributions to numerous technical and professional societies as well as civic and humanitarian activities. He will be recognized on Feb. 22, during the nationwide celebration of Engineers' Week.

"Tom Kornegay has distinguished himself as an engineer, as a leader in his industry and in his service to the community," said former Engineer of the Year James D. Dannenbaum, chairman, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, who was among those nominating Kornegay for this year's honor. "Since he became executive director, the Port of Houston Authority has become one of the recognized leaders in the industry for growth, customer service, community relations, and environmental stewardship."

Appointed executive director of the Port of Houston Authority in 1992, Kornegay joined the PHA staff in 1972. He worked his way up through the ranks, serving in the engineering department for 15 years before being appointed as managing director in 1987. One of his most notable career achievements was designing and serving as chief engineer of the Barbours Cut Container Terminal. Last year, Barbours Cut moved a record 15.4 million tons of cargo.



PHA Executive Director,
H. Thomas Kornegay

January Port Commission Highlights

At its January 22 meeting, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority:

- Authorized advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for Bayport Terminal Complex Phase 1 Wharf for up to \$74 million. Plans and specifications for the construction of about 1,330 feet of additional wharf, including associated dredging and material disposal on site, have been prepared.
- Awarded a construction contract to Forde Construction Company, Inc., for pavement replacement at Barbours Cut Terminal for \$1,000,000. This contract will facilitate periodic maintenance of the pavement in the storage yards and wharf areas in container terminals C1 through C6 as well as the ro/ro transit shed area at Barbours Cut terminal.
- Awarded a contract to TRC to provide air quality consulting, and monitor and maintain particulate samplers at the Bayport Terminal construction project. It is expected to be a two-year, \$225,000 contract. To comply with the Army Corps of Engineers permit for the PHA Dust Plan for Bayport Container and Cruise Terminal, the PHA has been monitoring nonpoint source air particulate matters from two stations since the construction of Bayport began in June 2004.
- Authorized specifications and advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for the purchase of unleaded gasoline and Texas low-emission diesel fuel (TxLED) for Barbours Cut Terminal, Bayport Container Terminal and Turning Basin Terminal and also two storage fuel tanks for Barbours Cut Terminal for a two-year period for \$9.2 million.



PHA Chairman Jim Edmonds and Commissioner Kase Lawal.

PHA Wins Marketing Award

The Port of Houston Authority has been named "Best of Category" in the Services/Industrial category of the American Marketing Association – Houston Chapter Marketer of the Year competition. The Public Affairs Division's efforts in community brand awareness secured the honor.

The selections from more than 150 nominated companies, organizations and institutions in 26 categories were made by a vote of AMA Houston chapter membership, now totaling more than 800 marketing professional members. Winners were recognized at a Feb. 11 awards ceremony at Houston's Alley Theatre.



Brian Reeves, PHA market development manager, and Lisa Whitlock, PHA communications manager.

SupPORTers Needed for 15th Annual Trash Bash on March 29



Once a year, during the annual River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash, thousands of volunteers gather along the Texas waterways to do their part in cleaning up the environment and participate in the largest statewide event to educate the public about the importance of our water resources.

SupPORTers – the Port of Houston Authority's corps of employee volunteers – and other dedicated volunteers are needed to "clean it like they mean it" at the 15th annual Trash Bash on Saturday, March 29, at the Baytown Nature Center. PHA is the sponsor of the clean-up location.

The newest of the 12 Trash Bash sites located throughout the Houston/Galveston area, the Baytown Nature Center comprises about 400 acres of hardwood uplands, high-quality tidal marsh and freshwater wetlands. To register, call (281) 486-9500 or visit www.trashbash.org.

CLEAN & GREEN PORT OF HOUSTON PROGRAM

Imagine 40 garbage trucks filled with all the litter collected in just the first six months of the Clean and Green Program.

If those garbage trucks unloaded the nearly 1000 cubic yards of litter into the Toyota Center, the Rockets basketball court would have 5 1/2 feet of trash in it! The ultimate pick-up game!



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