



# THE PORT REPORT

PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY

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## Harris County Voters Approve PHA Bond

Bond supports continued construction at Bayport, security, environmental issues



Harris County voters gave the Port of Houston Authority the green light Nov. 6 to continue construction at the Bayport Container and Cruise Terminal, increase security and underwrite environmental projects by supporting a \$250 million bond proposal.

"We're extremely pleased Harris County voters supported the Port of Houston," said Jim Edmonds, Port of Houston Authority chairman. "This bond will go a long way to ensure we continue to provide a thriving, competitive port that delivers jobs and economic growth to our region."



The Port of Houston bond garnered a broad base of community support, including endorsements from the Houston Chronicle, the Greater Houston Partnership, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and several area civic groups. More than \$100 billion worth of goods pass through the port each year, making the Port of Houston a strong economic engine for Texas. "A safe, thriving Port of Houston is vital to Houston's overall economy," Edmonds said. "Business at Bayport is increasing rapidly and this bond was needed to ensure we can keep up with the growing demands of container shipping."

## PHA, Seabrook Sign Landmark Memorandum of Settlement Agreement

Houston Yacht Club Formalizes Renewed Relationship with MOU

The Port of Houston Authority and the city of Seabrook signed a landmark Memorandum of Settlement Agreement on Nov. 5, outlining terms for the continued development of Bayport container terminal facilities, land planning and development in adjoining areas within Seabrook, and the resolution of siltation in Pine Gully. The agreement outlines a series of



PHA Commissioners Jim Fonteno, Jr., Steve Phelps and Elyse Lanier; Dee Wright, mayor pro tem, city of Seabrook; City Councilman Kim Morrell; City Councilman Paul Dunphy; City Councilman Gary Renola; City Councilman Tom Diegelman; and PHA Commissioner Jimmy A. Burke. Seated: H. Thomas Kornegay, PHA executive director; and Robin Riley, mayor, city of Seabrook.

public steps that the port authority and Seabrook have agreed to take over the next three months to carry out the settlement process to resolve legal matters, and address quality of life enhancements, land usage and environmental initiatives.

The port authority also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Houston Yacht Club to mutually work together to promote safety, recreation and security on Galveston Bay. The PHA/Seabrook Settlement Agreement fact sheet, the full Memorandum of Settlement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding are on the PHA's Web site at [www.portofhouston.com](http://www.portofhouston.com).



Bradford Larson, past commodore, Houston Yacht Club; PHA Commissioner Jimmy A. Burke; and John Nicholson, commodore, Houston Yacht Club.

## October Port Commission Highlights

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

- Approved awarding a construction contract to Orion Construction, LP, for Bayport Phase 1 Wharf advanced dredging and moorings for \$12.841 million.
- Approved execution of a change order to Orion Construction, L.P., for Bayport Cruise Terminal Complex – Phase 1 Wharf and dredging for \$1.25 million.
- Approved amendment of the professional services contract with R.W. Patrick & Associates, Inc., for Morgan's Point Hike and Bike Trail for \$14,776. The port authority has committed more than \$1 million toward the design and construction of the 2.9-mile hike and bike trail.
- Approved advertising and receipt of competitive sealed proposals for trash disposal and recycling services for a two-year period for the Turning Basin Terminal, Barbours Cut Terminal, Woodhouse Terminal and Fireboat Barracks for an estimated \$1.86 million to \$2.3 million.
- Approved issuance of a request for proposal for geo-referencing of pipeline data for an estimated \$1 million to \$1.2 million.



Port of Houston Authority Commissioner Janiece Longoria.

## Deer Park Chamber Names PHA Industry of the Year

The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce has named the Port of Houston Authority its 2007 Industry of the Year. PHA Chairman James T. Edmonds headed a contingent of PHA representatives at the November 15 event held at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

"My fellow port commissioner, Jimmy Burke, often reminds me that Deer Park is a unique community in that it is part small town and part industrial giant," said Edmonds, in acceptance of the honor.

"When it comes to the Port of Houston, Deer Park is a strong partner in the port's past, present and future," Edmonds said. The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce is comprised of 600 members networking to promote business commerce and industry in Deer Park.



Mayor Wayne Riddle (Deer Park); Rep. Wayne Smith; PHA Commissioner Jimmy Burke; PHA Chairman Jim Edmonds; PHA Commissioner Elyse Lanier; Miss Deer Park Maddison Boike; Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia; PHA Commissioner Steve Phelps; Deer Park Chamber Chairman Dave McKinney; PHA Commissioner Jim Fonteno; and Wayne Slovacek, San Jacinto College District.

## Port of Houston TWIC Enrollment Has Begun



On November 14, port workers, longshoremen, truckers and others at the Port of Houston became the first workers in the region to enroll in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program. The objective of the TWIC program is to ensure that any individual who has unescorted access to secure areas of port facilities and vessels has received a thorough federal background check and is not a security threat. The TWIC program will include criminal background, immigrant status and terrorist watch list screening.

Workers at 10 other ports across the nation also began the enrollment process this month. The order of enrollment for ports is based on a variety of factors, including risk, geographic location, and size and contractor resources. The goal is to enroll all U.S. port workers by Sept. 25, 2008. More information on the

TWIC program is available on the Transportation Safety Association's Web site at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) and more information on port security is available at the Coast Guard's Homeport site, <http://homeport.uscg.mil>, by clicking on the Maritime Security link.

### Questions?

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