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TX GOVERNOR ABBOTT VISITS NATION'S BUSIEST PORT *Meets with Industry Leaders at Port Houston*

HOUSTON – On Tuesday, Texas Governor Greg Abbott met at Port Houston offices with Chairman Ric Campo, Executive Director Roger Guenther, and Houston Ship Channel leaders representing energy and petrochemical industries. During a round-table discussion, Governor Abbott received an update on Port Houston, on Project 11 – the \$1 billion widening of the Houston Ship Channel – and other matters of concern.



On Tuesday, Texas Governor Greg Abbott (center) at Port Houston offices in a roundtable discussion with Port Houston Chairman Ric Campo (blue sport coat), Executive Director Roger Guenther (on the right of Gov. Abbott), and Houston Ship Channel leaders representing energy and petrochemical industries.

The Houston Ship Channel is home to Port Houston's container facilities, which handle nearly 70% of all the U.S. Gulf Coast container traffic, as well as the nation's premier petrochemical complex.

A press conference was held following the meeting, at which Governor Abbott remarked that he was "amazed to learn this port is growing faster in container volume than any of the other major U.S. ports."

Texas continues to rank as the #1 state in the U.S. for exports, with steadily increasing energy and manufacturing cargoes, along with record-level container activity at Port Houston.

Port Houston Chairman Campo remarked on the importance of the governor's visit and meeting with industry leaders to address the critical needs of the Houston Ship Channel. Executive Director Guenther emphasized that "nearly 50% of Texas' waterborne tonnage comes through the Houston Ship Channel."

But it is not just a vital asset to Texas – the federal waterway supports more than \$800 billion to the United States economy and is a critical link to transporting goods and commerce across the nation. The ongoing work of Project 11, to widen and deepen the nation's busiest waterway, will allow for safer and more efficient two-way vessel traffic, delivering more goods, cargo, jobs, and economic prosperity for Texas and the region.

Project 11 stands as a historic model for federal, local, and private investment, as the collaboration among Port Houston, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a bipartisan delegation of federal, state, and local officials, and Houston Ship Channel industry members have all contributed to its success.

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 public and private terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation's largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.35 million jobs in Texas and 3.2 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$339 billion in Texas – 20.6 percent of Texas' total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$801.9 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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