



PORT NOLA
THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Oct. 6, 2014

Contact: Matt Gresham
(504) 528-3255
greshamm@portno.com

Port, UNO Host 1st Annual Maritime Workforce Summit

Summit Set for October 8, 2014 at UNO's Lindy Boggs International Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS —With a focus on educating and engaging community stakeholders on maritime jobs opportunities, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans will host the 1st Annual Port of New Orleans Maritime Workforce Summit October 8.

Moderated by Mark Romig, President and CEO of the New Orleans Tourism and Marketing Corp., summit participants include state and local education officials, maritime industry leaders and workforce development professionals.

“The goal of this summit is to inform the Greater New Orleans community stakeholders of maritime job opportunities, engage industry leaders to identify maritime workforce needs and leverage regional economic efforts to strengthen multimodal transportation at the Port of New Orleans,” said Gary LaGrange, Port President and CEO. “I want to thank all of our partners and sponsors for their efforts supporting this worthwhile event.”

The summit will feature opening remarks from UNO President Peter Fos and U.S. Rep. Cedric Richmond. Port Purchasing and Contract Administration Manager Terry Martin will provide a presentation for small businesses wishing to do business at the Port. Several panel discussions are scheduled to focus on trade and transportation logistics, career education, and economic and workforce development.

-More-



“The maritime industry is an economic engine and the source of high quality jobs in Louisiana,” said Rep. Cedric Richmond. “As a strong supporter of the industry I am honored to participate in the 1st Annual Maritime Workforce Summit and look forward to the information and opportunities it will provide for our community.”

Summit sponsors include UNO, Youth Rebuilding New Orleans, University of Maryland National Transportation Center, Merritt C. Becker Jr. UNO Transportation Institute, Associated Terminals, Turn Services, The New Orleans Board of Trade, Crescent River Port Pilots’ Association, Big River Coalition, Louisiana Maritime Association, Propeller Club of the United States – Port of New Orleans, LMICC, International Freight Forwarders Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans. The World Trade Center of New Orleans served as a promotional partner.

In February, The Merritt C. Becker University of New Orleans Transportation Institute and the Port of New Orleans forged a partnership to focus on transportation research, community outreach and workforce development. The Port provides in-kind organizational resources that are matched by a \$215,000 grant.

-End-

