



Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Port Fourchon ♦ South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport

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Port Commission Receives \$800,000 Grant for Airport Improvements



(Pictured Above: Kevin Bellanger, CEO of South Central Planning, Susanne Haik Terrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of EDA, Chett Chiasson, Economic Development and Grants Administrator of Port Commission, Ted Falgout, Executive Director of Port Commission, Ben Eurlkar Deputy Assistant Secretary of EDA, and Donald Vizier, President of Port Commission)

(GALLIANO, LA, JUNE 7, 2006) – On June 6, 2006, the Port Commission received an \$800,000 grant from US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) to be used for infrastructure improvements to the South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport.

The project consists of constructing 8,400 linear feet of asphalt roadways and placing 7,000 linear feet of waterline on the airport property, and the adjacent industrial park.

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Ted Falgout, Port Director, said, “With the current expanding of the airport runway to 6500 feet, and this EDA funded project, we will be able to provide the basic infrastructure needed to serve our current tenants and attract future tenants, which ultimately means creating jobs and revenue for our community and the surrounding area.”

The entire project cost is about \$1.1 million, with EDA funding \$800,000.00 and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission funding the remaining \$352,000. An estimated 70 jobs will be created by companies this project will assist in accommodating.

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ABOUT US

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission was established by the state of Louisiana in 1960 and exercises jurisdiction over an area of Lafourche Parish, south of the Intracoastal Waterway, including Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport. In a relatively short time frame, the commission has developed the nation’s premiere oil and gas support services port on the Gulf of Mexico, Port Fourchon, and continues to develop the South Lafourche Airport in the support of the hydrocarbon, fishing, tourist, and recreational industries.