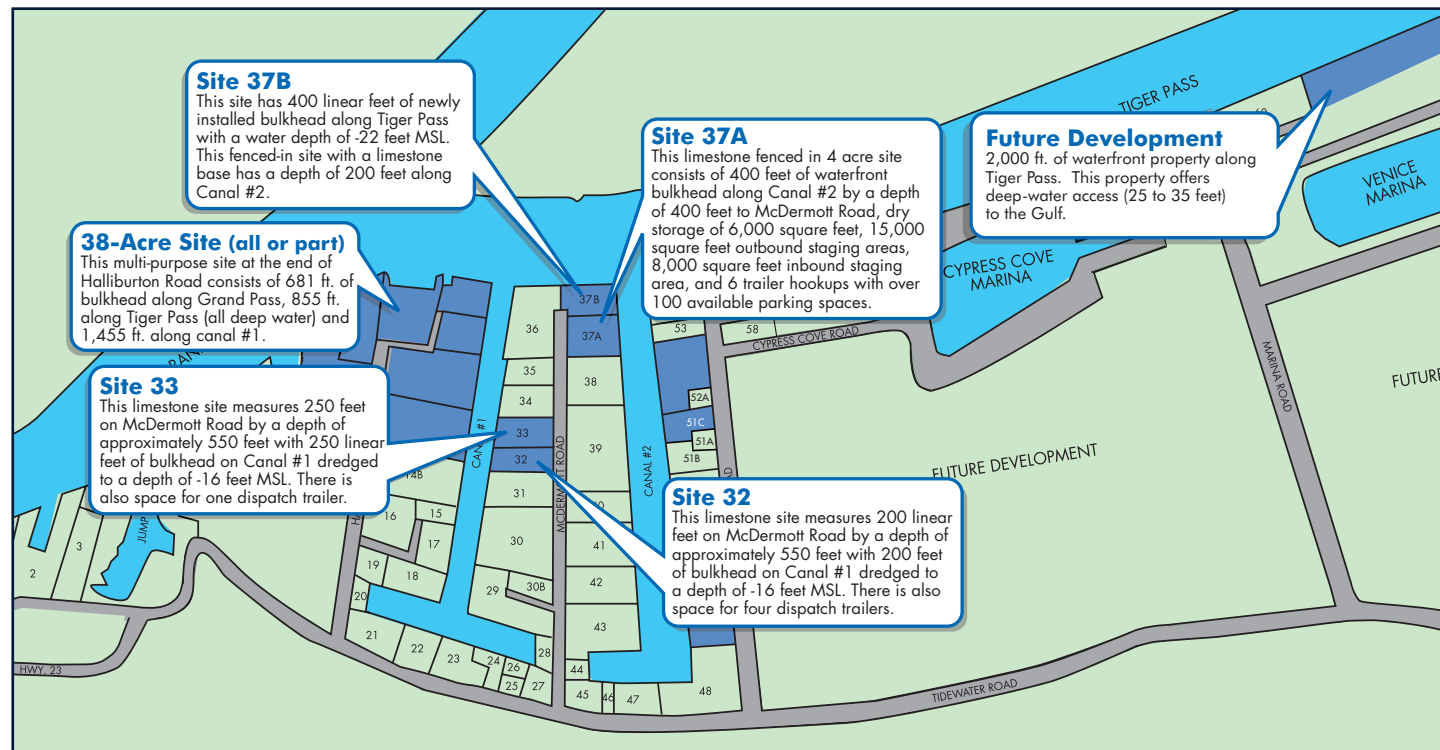




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The VPC Report

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LOGISTICS



George Pivach II, Vice-President and General Counsel of the VPC with VPC Site Supervisor, Tony Frickey, present Plaquemines Parish School Board Superintendent, Denis Rousselle, with \$13,050 to help fund the new logistic training program. Photo by Zu Carpenter

The New Year is the time for resolutions and new beginnings. We at the VPC are starting off on the right foot by partnering with the Plaquemines Parish School District and Delgado Community College to offer logistics and certification courses to students in Plaquemines Parish.

The logistics program is the first of its kind in the state and offers dual enrollment courses that give students' college credit and certification of first aid, navigation and maritime rules, as well as allow students to earn their Operator of Un-inspected Passenger Vehicles Captain's license. The program which began in the fall of 2014 at South Plaquemines, Phoenix and Belle Chasse High Schools was modeled from the Florida International Trade and Logistics group with

the culminating certification from the American Society of Transportation and Logistics.

We could not be more excited about this partnership. The program is a win-win for all those involved. Students are given a great educational resource to better their careers, and our parish's businesses have the opportunity to hire these individuals once they graduate.

This past November, we again continued the Thanksgiving gift basket drive that provided some 300 families in South Plaquemines with a holiday meal and good cheer. All of our great volunteers and the generous support of so many of our South Plaquemines businesses made this event a huge success.

We also organized a local trash bash to pick up trash on Tidewater Road at the VPC. Many local businesses participated in the clean up efforts, which were followed by a shrimp boil with seafood provided by D&C Seafood and cooking courtesy of Cajun Unlimited.

I would like to welcome our new tenants to the VPC, Gibson Services at site 41 and Clean Gulf Associates at site 34.

I wish all of you a happy new year and look forward to what 2015 has to bring.

George Pivach II
Venice Port Complex Vice President and General Counsel



Please visit the VPC Website at www.veniceportcomplex.com

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INDUSTRY UPDATES

Rene Cross Construction

Rene Cross Construction, Inc., (RCCI), began in 1987 as an inland marine construction company based in Plaquemines Parish with a marine base in Venice. TUSK Energy Services purchased 100% of the stock of RCCI on April 4, 2012. Former owner and founder Rene Cross continues to manage RCCI.

RCCI is a licensed contractor in the State of Louisiana maintaining an eight acre dock facility, construction yard and shop located at the Venice Port Complex. The company has six spud barges complete with crews and cranes ranging from 45-ton to 250-ton capacity ready to work in any number of applications.



RCCI primarily conducts business in Louisiana gulf-inland waters, while also doing some work in Texas and Mississippi. Experience includes extensive work with the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, various Federal, State, and Local government agencies on projects such as levee construction, pile driving, sheet-pile bulk-heading, pile dikes, and fresh water diversion projects. RCCI was instrumental in performing Hurricane Katrina emergency levee repairs to close the floodwall at the Sunrise Pump Station and Nairn levee breaches in Plaquemines Parish. The company maintains Master Service Agreements or contracts with most major and independent oil companies that operate

in Louisiana. Oilfield related work includes welding and fabrication, pile driving, bulk heading, rock pads for production barges, dirt and rock work, rig location construction, compressor installations, hook-ups, flow-lines, pipeline installation, pipeline maintenance, pigging operations, pipeline cleaning, dredging (dragline, clam, hydraulic), dock services, keyways, demolition, decommissioning and plug & abandonment.

TUSK Subsea Services, LLC, (TSS) a sister company of RCCI provides complete offshore and inland hydraulic dredging and jetting services with a specialization in dock maintenance, decommission and plug abandonment, pipeline burial, jack up leg recovery, environmental dredging, coastal restoration, etc. TUSK Subsea dredge services range from 40hp to 600hp, offer jetting and mechanical dredges that can handle any dredging requirement from soft to hard clay materials.

In addition to Rene Cross Construction, TUSK Energy Services is also the parent company to TUSK Subsea Services and its three divisions, TUSK Environmental, TUSK Inland Marine, and TUSK Oil and Gas.

Please contact Rene Cross Construction at 504-393-9045 or visit their sister company's website at www.tusksubseaservices.com.



French's (French's Welding & Marine Services, LLC)

French's (French's Welding & Marine Services, LLC) is among Louisiana's most respected and cost-effective sources for small to medium pipe and structural fabrication, inland facilities construction, shallow water pipeline installation and field maintenance services.

Strategically located at the Venice Port Complex in Venice, La., French's fabrication yard has bulkheaded waterfront dock space that will accommodate large barges and workboats. Turnkey fabrication capabilities and in-house design make



French's a one-stop shop for specialty projects for majors and independents alike.

French's workforce is composed of seasoned professionals with years of experience in the industry. Their adherence to strict safety standards and a code of environmental responsibility—combined with a commitment to quality and on-time delivery—has established French's as a can-do outfit with an enviable track record on projects throughout the Gulf Coast. French's welders are certified under ASME B-31.3 for process piping, and all employees receive HAZWOPER, H2S, and water survival training as part of an ongoing formal safety education program. French's personnel are experienced in fabrication, construction, installation, demolition and abandonment.

French's rental fleet consists of several Workboats, Jo-Boats, Self-propelled Work Barges and Crane Barges with up to 100-ton lifting capacity.

French's has refined its philosophy, which sets the company apart – focus on quality, deliver on time, communicate effectively, respond quickly and work safely. It's a formula that works for them, and it will work for you. It's what they call PROVEN PERFORMANCE.

For more information call 504-433-9747, fax 504-433-9958 or visit their website at www.frenchsmarine.com

The 8th annual VPC Thanksgiving drive gives to 300 families in South Plaquemines



The Venice Port Complex brought food, support and holiday cheer to 300 families in South Plaquemines during its 8th annual Thanksgiving gift basket drive.

"I would like to thank all of our tenants, businesses and local residents who participated in our Thanksgiving gift basket drive," said George Pivach, II, VPC vice president and general counsel. "Participating in this holiday event has become a Thanksgiving tradition, helping us give back to so many in our community."

The Thanksgiving baskets included a turkey and traditional holiday fare. Additionally, thanks to children from Boothville-Venice Elementary School, each basket also included a hand-colored turkey drawing. Contributions and assistance came from the VPC, VPC tenants, local businesses and residents.

"Organizing the VPC Thanksgiving Drive is something I take pride in and look forward to doing each year. It brings the community together and benefits so many of our fellow residents," said Tony Frickey, VPC site supervisor.

The following businesses provided contributions to this event:

- **Platinum Level \$2,000 and above:**
The Louisiana Fruit Co./ Venice Port Complex; Daybrook Fisheries, Inc; Deep South Oilfield Construction, LLC; Fremin's Food Market; and Madere & Sons Towing, LLC
- **Gold Level \$1,000 to \$1,999:**
Bonvillian Marine Service, Inc.; Cypress Cove Lodge, LLC; Denet Towing Service,



Inc.; D&C Seafood, Inc.; Fab-Con, Inc.; Fill-A-Sack of Boothville, Inc.; Galion Sweet Potato Company; and John Vogt Farms

- **Silver Level \$500 to \$999:**
Callais Marine Service of Venice, Inc.; EcoServ; Ellzey Marine and Hardware, Inc.; J. Ragas Contractors, LLC; John W. Stone Oil Distributor, LLC; Halliburton; Liberty Services, Inc; Pivach, Pivach, Hufft, Thriffiley & Dunbar, LLC; and R360/Waste Connections, Inc.
- **Bronze Level \$100 to \$499:**
Ballestra's; Ben & Ben Becnel's; Cattle Farms Management Co., LLC; Couvillion Group, LLC; Newman Crane Service, Inc; Royal Paper & Box; and Venice Marina

The following companies and parish residents provided help and assistance: Boothville-Venice Elementary School, Maximo Bye, Kathy Carter, Ray Carter, Joe Clark, Marla Cooper and staff, Jerrald Denet, Jeff Edgecombe and staff, Tony Frickey, Percy Griffin and staff, Ricky Harvey, Todd Harvey, Dylan Madere, Jamie Madere, Tyler Madere, Byron Marinovich and staff, Susan Miller, Rolf Parelius, Plaquemines Council of Aging, Cherie Pete, Port Sulphur Baptist Church, South Plaquemines Elementary School, South Plaquemines High School, Gerald Thompkins, Mary Thompkins, Burghart Turner and staff, Trey Vasquez, Venice Baptist Church and Venice Steel & Pipe, Inc.

Athena Construction

Established in 1963, Athena Construction is a leader in Inland Marine Construction, currently serving the Gulf Coast Oil & Gas Industry. Athena Construction's crews specialize in pile driving; fabrication and installation of pipelines, platforms and production facilities; and facility abandonment.

Athena Construction is proud to state that its key personnel have been a part of the organization for more than 40 years. The staff of experienced professionals is ready to work together to assure quality construction in exact compliance with your plans and specifications.

Their goal is to provide customers with the finest services and equipment available. To meet that goal, Athena's crew works together to assure customers that each project undertaken by the company reflects pride in their work, in their reputation, and in themselves.

Athena Construction maintains a fleet of eight power-operated spud barges available for charter and range in size and

capability, including 40 ft. x 140 ft. spud barges and 40 ft. x 130 ft. spud barges equipped with an 80-ton crane. The John Wayne, a new 12 ft. x 54 ft. x 180 ft. spud barge equipped with a 275-ton crane and living quarters, is available for your construction or decommissioning needs.

For more information on Athena Construction please visit www.athenaconstructionllc.com or call the Morgan City Main office at 985-631-7421 or Venice office at 985-474-2484.

