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PHA chair addresses BAHEP members on 'State Of Our Port'

Janiece Longoria, chair of the Port of Houston Authority Commission since January 2013, spoke about the 'State Of Our Port' to members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership in late April at Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, Texas.

The Port of Houston is the leading economic en-

gine for the greater Houston region, and Longoria is the first woman to hold this position in the 100-year history of the port.

Just how well is the port doing? Longoria reported that, according to national rankings, the Port of Houston is the #1 U.S. Port by Foreign Waterborne Tonnage – 163M Tons; #1 U.S. Port in Petroleum, Steel and Project Cargo; and #6 Ranked U.S. Container Port by Total TEUs.

The port's economic impact on the state of Texas is \$178.5 billion, creating \$4.5 billion in state and local taxes and 1,026,820 related jobs.

PHA is governed by a seven-member commission and owns or operates eight public terminals. The port experienced record

growth in 2014, and future growth will be driven by the energy renaissance, resin exports, population growth, the Panama Canal expansion, and cargo di-

versification and trade opportunities, Longoria noted.

The port is also investing heavily in Barbour's Cut Terminal making a 10-year

capital investment of \$700 million. Over the next 10 years, \$1 billion will be invested in the Bayport Container Terminal expansion, as well.

PHA declares, "We're ready for bigger things to come." Longoria's dynamic presentation had all the facts and figures to support that statement 100 percent.



Janiece Longoria

BAHEP endorses high-speed passenger rail to connect Houston and Dallas

The mission of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership is to provide the leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment.

For almost 40 years, BAHEP has forged strategic alliances which support collaborative approaches to generate solutions to issues that relate to such development.

Even a freshman urban planner knows that an efficient transportation system is key to economic development.

According to a report from Texas' Office of the State Demographer, Texas' population, currently estimated to be 26,230,098 residents, will grow to 54,446,355 residents by 2050. Moving those people from Point A to Point B will be critical if Texas is to continue its upward economic growth.

In recognition of this, BAHEP President Bob Mitchell recently gave the organization's endorse-

ment for a high-speed bullet train to provide service between Houston and Dallas.

His letter of support stated, "Texas is an economic powerhouse and has been steadily growing for more than a decade. It

remains one of a handful of states without income taxes, which may partially account for the fact that Texas has done very well with both attraction and retention of business, a sign of steady, more permanent job growth.

"The downside of such growth is that it worsens the traffic congestion that already exists in our big metro areas such as Houston and Dallas, especially along the I-45 corridor.

"The nearly 50,000 people who commute between these major metropolitan areas more than once each week will find that their commute will increase from the current four

hours to seven hours within the next 20 years.

"Texas has a well-earned reputation for being business friendly. Hours spent in traffic on the I-45 North 'parking lot' won't look very friendly for businesses that rely on rapid transportation to fuel their growth.

The old adage that time is money is truer now than ever before.

"Texas Central Rail-



N700-I Bullet System technology will offer a comfortable 90-minute commute between Houston and Dallas.

"The N700-I Bullet System technology, which will be utilized, has been in operation in Japan for more than 50 years without incident. High-speed rail will be a game changer for businesses and families alike, especially as it could potentially evolve to include more stations within Texas and the rest of the country.

"Texans have never backed away from a challenge. The logistics of building such a project are enormous, but the pay-off will be enormous, as well. Therefore, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership supports Texas Central Railway's efforts to make high-speed rail a reality in Texas."

Price named CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital

In early April, Kyle Price was appointed chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Price succeeded CEO Erin Asprey, who was recently promoted to president of the South Region for the Memorial Hermann Health System.

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital originally joined the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership in 1991.

Price was chief operating officer of Memorial Hermann Southeast for seven years and instrumental in establishing growth in the southeast market as a key member of the administrative and leadership team, which is responsible for the development of Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital, scheduled to open in 2016, as well as the Memorial Hermann Pearland Convenient Care Center.

"I am humbled to be given the opportunity to serve the great physicians, leaders, and employees of Memorial Hermann Southeast," said Price. "As a long-time resident of the South Houston and Bay Area community, I know the important role our hospital plays in serving the healthcare needs of its residents."



Kyle Price

BAHEP welcomes The Aerospace Corporation, Contract Resource Group and Pathfinder Development as newest members of organization



The Aerospace Corporation

The Aerospace Corporation is the scientific and engineering arm for the nation's national security space programs. For more than 50 years, Aerospace has provided technical analysis and engineering support to virtually every national security space project, applying its expertise in systems engineering and mission assurance to ensure customer mission success. The Houston office of The Aerospace Corporation is one of the newest members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

BAHEP President Bob Mitchell stated, "The Aerospace Corporation is one of this country's premier companies in its areas of proficiency, and we welcome the employees in the Houston office."

The Aerospace Corporation's primary customers are those government agencies charged with the exploration and exploitation of space, and of conceiving, designing, building, and deploying the launch vehicles, satellites and probes, and ground stations that are required to fulfill these missions.

The Aerospace Corporation's headquarters is in El Segundo, Calif., with its Houston office located at

2525 Bay Area Blvd., Suite 600. Learn more about this dynamic organization at www.aerospace.org or call 281.283.6462.

Contract Resource Group

Founded in 1996, Contract Resource Group (CRG) is a well-established contract furniture dealer in Houston and has become one of the newest members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

BAHEP President Bob Mitchell stated, "When you consider the capital investment that companies place in furnishings, it is a good return on investment to



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use an established furniture dealer like Contract Resource Group. We welcome CRG and its involvement in BAHEP's activities."

Account Executive Kimberly Hulsey represents Contract Resource Group within BAHEP. "CRG has more than 40

years of combined industry experience. We're excited about joining BAHEP and developing long-term relationships in Bay Area Houston," she said.

CRG provides clients with new furniture, modular architectural walls, and related services including: consultation and space planning; education for architects, designers and end users; inventory and asset management; project management; design and technical specification; refurbishment; and furniture maintenance. CRG's mission of exceptional customer service and support from industry partners allows the company to simplify the process of buying office furniture so that its clients can sit back and enjoy the experience.

CRG provides products and services for all corporate environments in a variety of industries including energy, chemical, aerospace, finance, engineering, manufacturing, education, government, legal, financial, and healthcare with no project being too large or too small. Some of CRG's clients include Repsol, Academy Ltd., and Schlumberger.

Contract Resource Group is located at 7108 Old Katy Road, Suite 150, in Houston. Learn more

about CRG by visiting www.crgoffice.com or calling 713.803.0100.

Pathfinder Development

Pathfinder Development is a leading hospitality management and development company with two hotels in Bay Area Houston, Staybridge Suites and TownePlace Suites. Pathfinder Development has become a member of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

Pathfinder Development

"Being away from home often presents challenges. Staybridge Suites NASA/Clear Lake and TownePlace Suites offer business travelers and tourists all the amenities of home and more. It's great to welcome Pathfinder Development as one of our newest members," Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president said.

David Dick is director of Sales. He noted, "Staybridge Suites has been a part of Houston's Bay Area for six years, and the hotel has been ranked #1 on TripAdvisor for four of those years. Both Staybridge Suites and TownePlace Suites have hosted travelers from all over the world, and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of NASA, the military and the petrochemical industry

who are among our biggest supporters."

Staybridge Suites has residential-style studios, one-bedroom or two-bedroom suites featuring fully equipped kitchens with stainless steel appliances, separate spacious living areas and comfortable sleeping spaces. The hotel also offers flexible event spaces for business meetings, workshops, presentations, and banquets. The 800 sq. ft. Orion Room and Conference Suite are ideal for cor-

porate or social gatherings and can accommodate up to 75 people. Audio/visual equipment, free Wi-Fi and catering are among the services that the hotel can provide in the Orion Room.

TownePlace Suites also features spacious accommodations, fully equipped kitchens and separate sleeping and living areas for a comfortable and productive stay. Those traveling with pets will be happy to know that the hotel is also pet-friendly!

Staybridge Suites NASA/Clear Lake is located at 501 W. Texas Avenue in Webster, Texas, not far from the Gulf Freeway and Bay Area Blvd. TownePlace Suites is nearby at 1050 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, Texas. To check out more of the hotels' many features, visit www.pathfinderdev.com.

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