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Visit to Port Corpus Christi Supplements Private Industry Best Practices Studies for IDB

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, USA – The Institute for Defense and Business' Depot and Arsenal Executive Leadership Program (DAELP – <u>www.daelp.org</u>) toured Port Corpus Christi today for a firsthand look at the port's strategic plan, business development, safety programs, and continuous process improvement initiatives.

The Port Corpus Christi visit is one of several benchmarking tours scheduled for DAELP participants at private industry and Department of Defense industrial complexes during a one-week residency across Corpus Christi, Seguin, and San Antonio, Texas.

The residency focus is to show real-world examples of best-in-class operations, performance improvement, and manufacturing practices so DAELP participants can employ these practices in their own organizations.

About the Institute for Defense and Business (IDB)

IDB is a nonprofit research and education institute formed in 1997 by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the state of North Carolina. The Institute provides custom executive and degree-granting education programs for all career levels from the military and government, non-governmental organizations, private sector, and international organizations. IDB features curriculum in logistics and technology, life cycle systems, leadership and organizational transformation, strategic studies, and stabilization and economic reconstruction. <u>www.IDB.org</u>

About Port Corpus Christi

As the primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is the 5th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Our mission; to "Leverage Commerce to Drive Prosperity." Our vision; "To be <u>the</u> energy port of the America's." Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45' deep channel, Port Corpus Christi provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. Port Corpus Christi is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly "Moving America's Energy." <u>http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/</u>

Port Corpus Christi is a member of **START (South Texas Alliance for Regional Trade)**, a collaborative effort that highlights business opportunities in South Texas in the manufacturing, energy, aerospace, international trade, military, and other sectors and the related strategic support provided by Port San Antonio, Port Corpus Christi, and Port Laredo. <u>http://www.southtexastrade.com/</u>

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