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Port of Corpus Christi Breaks Ground on New Administration Building

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – On Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Port of Corpus Christi staff and Port Commission members joined area elected officials at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center to break ground on the new Port Administration Building.

Representatives from Richter Architects and Bartlett Cocke Beecroft (BCB)—the joint-venture construction company contracted to design and build the new Port of Corpus Christi facility—joined Port of Corpus Christi Chief Executive Officer Sean Strawbridge, Port Commission Chairman Charles W. Zahn, Jr., and area politicians as they wielded shovels to celebrate the groundbreaking.

Strawbridge served as Master of Ceremonies and delivered a rousing speech, chronicling the history of the design-build project from conceptualization to Commission approval.

“This is an important step forward for the Port of Corpus Christi,” said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. “Our team members are doing impactful work as we grow our presence in the global energy marketplace, and it is time to bring our facility up to date. The new facility will include state of the art technology, collaborative workspace and the latest in energy efficiencies.”

The original Port of Corpus Christi administration building, known as the Ruben Bonilla Center for Global Trade, was built in 1962 as a one-floor facility and expanded into three floors in 1974. The Port’s annex building originally housed an insurance company and was built in 1955.

“We could not be more excited to celebrate this historic moment with our community. This is a feather in all of our hats, as we grow our resources and elevate the Port of Corpus Christi to a position better suited to serve the needs of the Coastal Bend,” said **Charles W. Zahn, Jr., Port of Corpus Christi Authority Commission Chairman**.

About Port Corpus Christi

As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 4th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, 47 foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port Corpus Christi is “Moving America’s Energy.” <http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/>

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