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Port of New Orleans to Host Procurement Fair for Local and Small Businesses June 29

The Port and NOPB to partner with SWBNO, City of NOLA, RTA, Convention Center, Chase Bank, LiftFund, New Corp, Inc., & Fidelity Bank for Procurement Event

NEW ORLEANS – In an ongoing effort to engage local and small businesses in the New Orleans Gateway, the Port of New Orleans (Port NOLA) is hosting a Procurement Fair on June 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Port of New Orleans Administration Building, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Representatives from several partner organizations will participate to provide information on projects that are currently available for bid opportunities, along with a schedule of projects in the near future. There will be representatives from Port NOLA, the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB), Chase Bank, the City of New Orleans, Fidelity Bank, LiftFund, the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, New Corp, Inc., and the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO).

“Local and small businesses play a critical role in creating economic vitality,” said Brandy D. Christian, President and CEO of Port NOLA. “I’m proud that nearly \$10.2 million of Port purchases were made with DBE/SBE-owned businesses last year. With this procurement fair, we look forward to continuing to connect local businesses with business opportunities that will benefit the Port, NOPB and the local economy.”

Port NOLA’s Procurement team works to support buyers and users with procurement, negotiation, financial and informational resources, as well as to provide qualified suppliers, service providers and vendors with open and fair access to contracting opportunities.

“We offer a wide range of opportunities that support Port NOLA’s four lines of business: cargo, rail, cruise, and industrial real estate,” said Chanel Labat, Director of Procurement for Port NOLA and NOPB. “And for more impact, we have invited regional partner agencies to participate in this procurement fair to share their opportunities as well. Any business owner interested in current or future opportunities, or who would like to learn more about our procurement process, is encouraged to attend.”

In addition to attending the procurement fair, companies interested in doing business with the Port can join the online vendor database. The system is user-friendly and designed to allow users to view current and upcoming bid opportunities. Users must register and create an account to see complete project specifications and details. Users gain full access to current project specifications and can opt to receive notifications regarding new opportunities that become available at Port NOLA.

For more information about doing business with Port NOLA or for information about the event, visit the Procurement pages of the website [here](#).

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The Port of New Orleans (Port NOLA) is a modern multimodal gateway for global commerce and an in-demand cruise port — delivering seamless, integrated logistics solutions between river, rail and road. Port NOLA is a diverse deepwater port uniquely located on the Mississippi River near the Gulf of Mexico -- with access to 30-plus major inland hubs such as Dallas, Memphis, Chicago and Canada via 14,500 miles of waterways, 6 Class I railroads and interstate roadways. Strategic alignment with the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad, a Class III connecting railroad, strengthens Port NOLA's position as an integrated hub and supports the Port's mission of driving regional economic prosperity.

