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Port Corpus Christi to Present at CITEK Forum 2015

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – A delegation representing Port Corpus Christi will travel to Mexico to participate in the CITEK Forum 2015. The CITEK Forum 2015 (citekforum.com) is a global forum that brings together international leaders to network and have discussions in various industries such as Energy, Automotive, Aerospace, Information Systems, and Education. The forum will be held at Centro Fox in Leon Guanajuato, Mexico from September 30 to October 2, 2015. Representing Port Corpus Christi at CITEK Forum 2015 is Executive Director, John LaRue; Port Commissioner, Barbara Canales; General Cargo and Tariff Manager, Maggie Iglesias-Turner; and consultant Jorge Canavati. As part of this mission, voestalpine Texas CEO, Bernhard Schlattl will accompany the Port Corpus Christi team.

Port Corpus Christi Executive Director, John LaRue, is slated to participate on a session panel titled 'Moving Mexico'. This session will provide participants a socio-economic overview of the country and detail the opportunities for investment and business development opportunities to include bi-national regional logistics. The session will feature national and international perspectives.

"We are privileged to be invited to this global event organized by Centro Fox. The world looks at Corpus Christi as a key player in foreign direct investment and commerce," said John LaRue, Port Corpus Christi Executive Director.

"Mexico is a vital component to world trade and trade with Port Corpus Christi. With the recent changes in dynamics in the Mexico energy sector even more opportunities are at the horizon. CITEK 2015 offers opportunity for meaningful dialogue with international innovators," said Barbara Canales, Port Corpus Christi Commissioner.

## **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 the 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 "The Port of the Lone Star State."

http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/

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. <a href="http://www.southtexastrade.com/">http://www.southtexastrade.com/</a>

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