

LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL GULF TRANSFER TERMINAL (LIGTT)



LOCATION – The 256-acre Louisiana International Gulf Transfer Terminal (LIGTT) port site is located in over 70 feet of water just east of the mouth of the Southwest Pass. It is Louisiana’s primary outreach effort to the global marketplace to capture the anticipated increase in container carrying vessels coming through the widened Panama Canal after 2014. It will be the nation’s first transfer terminal for container cargo (TEU’s) strategically designed to serve container vessels too large to enter in to the Mississippi River thereby preserving market share and enhancing growth of the container market share for the Port of New Orleans. The LIGTT terminal will be the catalyst to encourage the European-Asian “container on barge” strategy throughout the interior of the United States serving ports in 33 states.

ORGANIZATION – The Louisiana International Gulf Transfer Terminal Authority was created by ACT 699 of the 2008 regular session of the Louisiana legislature. While the port is physically located on the east bank of the Southwest Pass in Plaquemines Parish, it will serve all ports that have container facilities in Louisiana as well as in other states reachable by the 14,500 miles of inland rivers, mainly the Mississippi River and its tributaries. A sixteen-member board of commissioners who serve six-year terms governs it.

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PORT STAFF: Jamie Landry-Zimmer, Administrator/PR

PRIMARY CARGOES: Container Vessels

WATER DEPTH: 70 Feet



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