

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 21, 2023

PORT OF GULFPORT TO HOST LUNCH AND LEARN ON HIGH-DEMAND COLD STORAGE FACILITY COMING TO THE GULF COAST

GULFPORT, Miss. - Join the Port of Gulfport and Mississippi Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce Mr. Andy Gipson in learning about the future of multi-temperature cold storage and distribution solutions coming to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, via the Port of Gulfport.

On May 18, 2023, the Port will host a Lunch & Learn event to educate current and potential partners on the value and opportunities surrounding bringing a new cold storage facility to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Attendees will hear from Mississippi Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce Mr. Andy Gipson, as well as Jon Nass, the CEO & Executive Director of the Port of Gulfport. Other local and state elected officials will be present to lend support and learn more about the economic impact such a facility is expected to bring to the area.

The proposed multiple-temperature storage and distribution facility will fill a tremendous gap in the need for cold storage on the central Gulf Coast. Located just minutes from the Deepwater Port, the 38-acre site will be phased in with an initial 100,000 sq. ft. multi-temperature facility. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to meet the needs of today and well into the future.

This Lunch & Learn is a ticketed event, sponsored by Mississippi Power, Weston, Inc., Sterling Solutions, and QuickFreeze by Tippmann Engineering. Limited seating is available, so <u>contact</u> <u>us</u> today to secure your spot to learn more about how this exciting addition on the Gulf Coast could benefit your business. To request more information or express interest, email <u>info@shipmspa.com</u> or call 228-865-4300.

About the Port of Gulfport

Established in 1902, the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport is primed for growth after a \$1 billion restoration project reached completion in 2022. The Port of Gulfport recently signed an <u>agreement</u> with Ports America, the nation's largest stevedoring company, which includes an additional \$43 million investment into the development of a currently vacant terminal on the Port, including the purchase of a new crane.

The Port of Gulfport is centrally located on the Gulf of Mexico, with easy access to Interstate 10, excellent rail connections, and the ability to service a majority of the US market within 24 hours. As the second largest U.S. importer of green fruit, Gulfport offers a strong market for refrigerated cargo, with established weekly vessel calls from Central America and thriving domestic and international business connections. ###

Media Contact:

Allison Chimenya Marketing Analyst, Port of Gulfport achimenya@shipmspa.com 228-861-4563