

Media Advisory

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**Council Vice President Fielkow
To Hold Hearing on Taking Advantage of
2014 Panama Canal Expansion**

*World Trade Center of New Orleans
To Hold Training Seminar on Doing Business in New Orleans*

WHAT: City Council Special Projects & Economic Development Committee Meeting on how New Orleans must prepare for, and take advantage of, the 2014 widening of the Panama Canal.

Click [here](#) to view complete News Release on Special Projects & Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Later that day, the World Trade Center of New Orleans will hold an information and training session open to City Administration officials and staff, as well as local economic development professionals, on navigating and understanding the many complex business incentives offered by the City, the State and the Federal Government. The session will provide comprehensive information about taxes, incentives and business formation guidelines in New Orleans. The session is free and open to the public. The session is co-hosted by Council Vice President Arnie Fielkow and the World Trade Center of New Orleans.

Click [here](#) for information on World Trade Center Seminar.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 7, 2009

10:00 a.m. - Special Projects & Economic Development Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. - World Trade Center of New Orleans Seminar

WHERE: City Council Chamber (both meetings)

WHO: Special Projects & Economic Development Committee Meeting:

- Walter Brooks, Regional Planning Commission

- Gary LaGrange, President & CEO, Port of New Orleans

- Honorable State Senator A.G. Crowe, State Senate District 1

- Members of the New Orleans Delegation to the State Legislature

- Local business leaders

- Committee Chair: Council Vice President Arnie Fielkow

- Committee Member District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell

- Committee Member District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis

WTC Seminar:

- Kevin Pollard, World Trade Center of New Orleans

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New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow ; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.