

Media Advisory

June 9, 2009

**Special Development Projects & Economic Development Committee
To Address Presentation of GNO Inc.'s Maritime Industry Study
And an Update on Local Vocational and Technical Colleges
On Thursday Morning**

What: The City Council's Special Development Projects & Economic Development Committee, chaired by Council President Arnie Fielkow, will host oral presentations from local and state port officials and business leaders regarding the results of Greater New Orleans, Inc.'s (GNO, Inc.) in-depth study on southeastern Louisiana ports and maritime trade operations around New Orleans.

Also included in the meeting:

- Status of Local Vocational/Technical Colleges
- Update on city's Public Private Partnership
- Report from Disaster Mitigation Task Force

To view the Committee Meeting agenda click [here](#).

When: Thursday, June 11, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Where: City Council Chamber

Who: Special Guests

- Greg Rusovich, Business Council of New Orleans
- Andrea Bland, GNO, Inc.
- Gary LaGrange, Port of New Orleans
- Joe Accardo, Ports Association of Louisiana
- Kim Rugon, Provost/Dean, Delgado's Louisiana Technical College

- Belinda Little-Wood, Mayor's Office
- Michael Hecht, President of GNO, Inc.

Committee Members

- Chair: Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow
- District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
- District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis

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New Orleans City Council

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