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**ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY ISSUES
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
IN THE GARROWS BEND INTERMODAL TERMINAL**

Mobile, Ala. – March 26, 2009: The Alabama State Port Authority (ASPA) has issued a request for expression of interest (RFEI) in the 74-acre Garrows Bend Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) in which the Port Authority is seeking private sector participation from terminal operators/developers in the development of the intermodal terminal.

"This is the first step in the process by the Port Authority to initiate efforts to identify a private sector partner for development of the intermodal facility and is a continuation of the Choctaw Point project that started in early 2000," said Jimmy Lyons, director and CEO of the Alabama State Port Authority. "From the beginning, we have envisioned this project as a true public private partnership."

According to the RFEI, the objective of the ASPA in the development of the intermodal complex in Mobile is to complement the existing and operational Mobile Container Terminal, maximize throughput using state-of-the-art practices and support the planned logistics park. The terminal will handle both domestic and international traffic for multiple rail carriers and steamship lines. The new terminal will be financially self-sustaining from an operational standpoint, generate employment in the surrounding region, improve the ASPA's competitive position and reduce highway traffic in the region.

An information meeting and site tour is planned for Tuesday, April 21, at 9 a.m. at the Port Authority Executive offices in Mobile, Ala. The meeting and tour are designed to familiarize potential respondents with the site and serve as a forum for clarification of issues raised by the RFEI.

Interested parties must register to receive the full RFEI and updates by sending their full name and contact information to ICTF@asdd.com.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted via electronic mail to the ASPA on or before 4 p.m. on Friday, May 22, and should be marked on the subject line with Response to Request for Expression of Interest in the Garrows Bend ICTF and be directed to ICTF@asdd.com.

First conceived as part of its 2001 Master Plan, the ASPA's Choctaw Point project consists of three interconnected and interrelated elements: a marine container terminal, an intermodal container transfer facility (ICTF) and a logistics park utilizing parcels of adjacent land.

About the Alabama State Port Authority

The Alabama State Port Authority, headquartered in Mobile, Ala., owns and operates the State of Alabama's deepwater port facilities in Mobile. The Authority directly employs 700 workers and its public facilities handled 28 million tons of cargo last year. The Authority's container, general cargo and bulk facilities have immediate access to two interstate systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. Learn more at www.asdd.com.



Alabama State Port Authority's Choctaw Point complex includes a 45-foot draft, marine container terminal, an intermodal rail facility and a logistics park utilizing parcels of adjacent land. The \$300 million Mobile Container Terminal opened in October 2008.

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