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2016 State of the Port Luncheon

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, USA – The State of the Port annual luncheon is set for Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center. This year marks Port Corpus Christi's 90th year and the Port encourages attendees to “Feel the Energy” as we highlight the work, role and future of the Port of Corpus Christi.

Port Chairman Charles W. Zahn will reflect on the Port’s achievements over its 90 year history and share his vision for the Port’s future. *“I am pleased to highlight 90 years of economic success and present our vision to continue as the economic catalyst for the future of the coastal bend,”* said **Charles W. Zahn Jr., Chairman, Port Corpus Christi Commission.**

This event will be the first luncheon hosted by the new United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the event, please contact Emily Veazey, Director of Special Events for the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce at 361.881.1800 or emily@unitedcorpuschristichamber.com

About the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce

The United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce is an 1100 member organization representing business in the Coastal Bend region of South Texas. A 31 member Board of Directors forms the policy level of the organization. The President/CEO and a dedicated team of 8 full time and 2 part term interns manage the operations and daily work of the Chamber. Additionally we have a 501c3 supporting organization, The United Corpus Christi Chamber Foundation which operates programs devoted to leadership, education and workforce development. Our members and volunteers represent a cross section of all types and sizes of business in our community.

The City of Corpus Christi, Texas, was fortunate to have been served by two significant business organizations for over 100 years. In December 2015, the memberships of the 100-year-old Corpus Christi Chamber of the Commerce and the 78-year-old Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce reached a conclusion of historic significance. In an overwhelming vote by both memberships, the two groups created one, new and united organization to represent the entire Corpus Christi business community. This joining of rich histories, significant accomplishments and a commitment to board diversity with women and minority participation reflective of the community's demographics, provides a cohesive voice for business. As the chief advocate for the entire business community, we serve as a multidimensional model where the diversity and inclusion function is part of all facets our unified chamber.

About Port Corpus Christi

As the primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is the 5th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Our mission; to "Leverage Commerce to Drive Prosperity." Our vision; "To be the energy port of the America's." Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45' deep channel, Port Corpus Christi provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. Port Corpus Christi is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly "Moving America's Energy." <http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/>

Port Corpus Christi is a member of **START (South Texas Alliance for Regional Trade)**, a collaborative effort that highlights business opportunities in South Texas in the manufacturing, energy, aerospace, international trade, military, and other sectors and the related strategic support provided by Port San Antonio, Port Corpus Christi, and Port Laredo. <http://www.southtexasrtrade.com/>

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