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Pointe Sunshine 1,000 acre megasite to be certified on December 13th

Site gives the Baton Rouge region the first “shovel-ready” deepwater megasite in America

(Sorrento, LA- November 27, 2007)- After a twelve month process to develop a certified or “shovel-ready” deep-water Mississippi River industrial site, The Ascension Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) has announced that all requirements for certification have been met and the site will be officially certified at a ceremony with local and state dignitaries on December 13th at 10:00am at the site located near the Sunshine Bridge on Highway 18.

AEDC worked over the last twelve months in collecting all the required information on site, securing an option on the property, and changing the zoning to allow an industrial operation on the site. The property is owned by Crawford and Thibaut, Inc., a company owned by the Thibaut family.

The site will be the only certified or “shovel –ready” deep-water access megasite in America and will give the Baton Rouge region a strategic advantage to attract major manufacturing operations to South Louisiana in the future. There are approximately only twenty officially “certified” or “shovel-ready” sites in the United States ready for development.

AEDC partnered with the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, the Port of Greater Baton Rouge, and Entergy in paying for the analysis and certification by Peake Consulting, a national site selection firm based in Kentucky, which also certified another megasite in Tangipahoa Parish earlier this year. A Tier II grant from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development also paid for the geospatial maps used to market the site.

AEDC will work with its regional and state economic development partners in 2008 to aggressively market the site domestically and internationally to site selection consultants and companies considering a manufacturing operation needing deep-water access. The megasite certification is part of AEDC’s “Ascension Advantage” five-year economic development plan to diversify the economic base of Ascension Parish.

Information on the site, including geospatial maps, aerials, geotechnical report, wetlands report, and a Phase I environmental study can be accessed online at: www.deepwatermegasites.com

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