

CERNAK NAMED ACTING PORT DIRECTOR

Steven M. Cernak, PE has been named to the position of Acting Port Director. Prior to the appointment, he served the Port of Galveston as Deputy Port Director/Director of Facilities, handling the management of the Engineering and Maintenance Departments of the Port of Galveston. His supervisory responsibilities included all maintenance and construction of Port properties including design, bidding and contract management.

“We will continue our forward movement into 2002 and beyond with plans to increase and diversify port cargoes and revenues,” stated Cernak “In 2002 the Port plans to participate in several trade shows and conferences directly related to the port industry.

“In March, the Port participated in the largest cruise show in the world, the International Seatrade Cruise Convention in Miami, and in October we plan to actively participate in the annual Breakbulk Transpo Exhibition in New Orleans.

“In April, the Port and the City will welcome Royal Caribbean International’s return to Galveston Island as the homeport for *Rhapsody of the Seas* at The Texas Cruise Ship Terminal on Galveston Island for seven-day cruises.

“Then in August we will mark the beginning of a new five-year service for a second Carnival Cruise Line vessel as the *Jubilee* joins the *Celebration* at Galveston’s Cruise Terminal offering four-and five-day sailings to Mexico.

“Our traditional cargoes of grain, bananas, containers, sugar and construction and farm equipment remain strong,” Cernak continued. “Marketing efforts continue to diversify the Port’s traditional cargo mix with efforts centered on forest products and project cargoes.

“As far as our capital improvement projects are concerned for 2002, we are focusing on cruise terminal enhancements, port security and several dock and railroad reconstruction projects that will support the existing needs of our future operational needs, concluded Cernak.”

Mr. Cernak is a Registered Professional Engineer and received a Masters in Business Administration from Dowling College in New York and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University.