

***Port Corpus Christi &  
The American Association of Port Authorities***

**TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY “INFLUENCER”  
LUNCHEON AND PORT MEDIA TOUR**

**August 18**

**Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center - Port Corpus Christi**

- 12:30 pm                      During lunch, port, transportation and energy industry “influencers” will focus on the issues of developing infrastructure for the efficient movement of manufactured and processed goods, such as liquefied natural gas, crude oil and products used in the production of plastics, pipe and steel.
- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm            **Port Tour** – Participants will board a mini-bus to tour the three foreign-owned facilities under construction at Port Corpus Christi, all of which are nearby the multi-billion dollar Corpus Christi Liquefaction LNG export facility (a subsidiary of [Cheniere Energy](#)), also under construction.
- [TPCO America](#) is currently building a state-of-the-art seamless steel pipe manufacturing facility on a 253-acre site in Corpus Christi. TPCO America is the largest single investment by a Chinese company in a U.S. manufacturing facility.
- Italian-owned [M&G Chemicals](#) is building the world’s largest PET (polyethylene terephthalate) and PTA (a PET precursor) plant at Port Corpus Christi. PET is a strong, stiff [synthetic fibre](#) and [resin](#) that is spun into fibers for permanent-press fabrics, blow-molded into disposable beverage bottles, and extruded into photographic film and magnetic recording tape. The \$800 million plant, located on a 410-acre property along the north bank of the Inner Harbor, is also situated within a couple of miles from plenty of refineries that produce feedstock needed to manufacture PET and PTA.
- Austrian-owned [voestalpine Texas LLC](#) anticipates the completion of construction by the end of the year on its new \$800 million [direct reduction plant in Corpus Christi](#), adjacent to the Cheniere LNG facility in Corpus Christi. When finished, the plant will be capable of producing 2 million metric tons of purified iron briquettes each year. Iron purified at the plant will be converted into easier-to-transport, cellphone-sized hot "briquettes" that can be used in steel production for automobile manufacturing, or even aviation.
- 6:30 pm                      Networking dinner in Corpus Christi (Location TBA)