

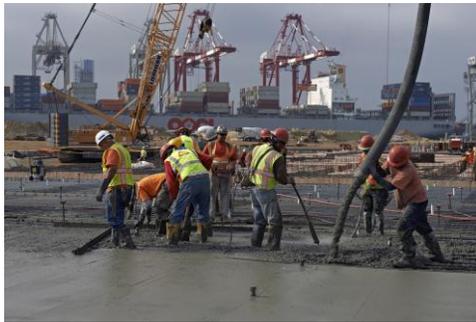


## News Release

### **Port's Projects Create 5,000 New Jobs Construction-related work boosted by major contracts**

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Port of Long Beach modernization projects created 5,166 new construction-related jobs in the region in 2012, mainly linked to the award of contracts for the design and building of the Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement and an ongoing terminal makeover.



In 2012, the Port awarded a \$650 million design-build contract for the bridge project and major contracts for the Middle Harbor Redevelopment Program. Other contracts awarded in 2012 included environmental work, security upgrades, shore power installations for terminals and other infrastructure.

"The creation of more than 5,000 new jobs is welcome news for Southern California," said Susan E. Anderson Wise, President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. "Keep in mind that these projects are modernizing our Port in order for us to stay competitive and remain a reliable economic resource that supports hundreds of thousands of permanent trade-related jobs."

The construction-related job figures were calculated by examining each Port project to determine how many direct construction jobs are created. Estimates are then made of the spin-off jobs associated with industries that support the Port's construction, as well as the jobs that result from construction and support industry workers spending their salaries. The share of direct construction jobs that make up each project's estimated job total ranges from 40 to 64 percent. The great majority of these direct jobs are located in the City of Long Beach.

In 2011, Port construction contracts generated 2,985 new jobs, and in 2010, 880 were generated.

The Port is in the midst of a 10-year, \$4.5 billion capital improvement program. Although the bridge replacement is mostly funded with state, federal and county transportation monies, the capital improvement program overall is supported primarily by the revenue generated by the shipping trade that moves through the Port.

As a premier gateway for trans-Pacific trade, the Port of Long Beach moves more than \$155 billion in goods each year. The cargo that flows through the Port supports more than 300,000 permanent jobs in Southern California.

The Port of Long Beach maintains [a job resources page](#) to help direct job seekers to employment and training opportunities and outlets such as the "Hire LB" website at <https://www.longbeachvos.org/>.

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