



Port Hosts Peak Season Forecast Industry Experts to Speak at Free Breakfast Conference

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Nearing the peak shipping season, the Port of Long Beach will host "Pulse of the Ports," a free breakfast conference with industry experts presenting their 2006 Southern California Peak Season Forecast. The conference will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28 at the Hilton Long Beach Hotel, 2 World Trade Center.

Cargo moved smoothly during last year's peak season – the period from July through October when end-of-the-year holiday goods are shipped through the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Will a surge in trade overwhelm the supply chain? Will higher fuel costs slow the U.S. and Asia trade boom? What's the outlook for this year?

The Port of Long Beach has invited industry experts to present their forecasts, including forecaster Paul Bingham of Global Insight Inc., Inga Kerutis of JCPenney Logistics, Peter Leng of ocean carrier OOCL (USA) Inc., Joe Di Massa of terminal operator Yusen Terminals Inc., James Spinosa of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, customers broker Roger Clarke of the L.A. Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association, Brian Griley of the trucking firm Southern Counties Express, and Steve Branscum of BNSF Railway.

The event co-sponsors include the Port of Los Angeles, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, National Retail Federation, Foreign Trade Association, Waterfront Coalition, International Business Association, Women in International Trade of Los Angeles and Orange County, West Coast Corridor Coalition, National Industrial Transportation League, Propeller Club, L.A. Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association and California Marine & Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council.

For reservations, send an e-mail with your name, title and company to pulseoftheports@polb.com.

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