



**Success of SEACOR's container-on-barge service at the Port leads to major expansion of container storage capacity.**

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**The public/private partnership** between the Port of Greater Baton Rouge and SEACOR Marine continues to produce increases in the number of containers handled at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal at the Port's North Line Road facility. In 2017, SEACOR handled 8,018 containers there, and in 2018 a total of 13,685 containers were handled at the IRMT.

**Due to this increase in container movement**, the Port has undertaken an expansion of the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal's container storage yard. The expansion is estimated to cost approximately \$4.5 million and will include 3.5 acres of concrete poured to expand the Port's container storage capacity.

**Port Executive Director Jay Hardman** said that the response from local industry to the expanded COB service has Port staff exploring the possibility of loading containers with agricultural products, dimensional lumber, or even logs for export.



*"We are excited about the success of the COB service and the opportunity to expand our capacity," Hardman said. "Every container that goes down the Mississippi River to New Orleans for export is one less 18-wheel truck on our roads and bridges."*

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