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PierPASS To Be Honored By Harbor Association Of Industry And Commerce

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif., November 10, 2005 - The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce (HAIC), a collective voice for the harbor business community on economic, environmental, and public policy, will honor PierPASS tonight at its annual "Salute to Industry" awards banquet at Trump National Golf Club. Bruce Wargo, President and CEO of PierPASS, will accept the award on behalf of the nonprofit organization, which is being recognized for its progress in relieving cargo congestion in and around the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The HAIC, now in its 30th year, has honored an individual or business annually since 1979 that has helped further the orderly development of the Southland. Past winners include the United States Coast Guard, Southern California Gas Company, and Stevedoring Services of America. The organization has been widely recognized as one of the most respected and effective associations in the South Bay and Harbor areas of Southern California.

"The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce is proud to honor PierPASS for its contribution to effective traffic management in the ports area. PierPASS has been an astounding success, with off-peak use of terminal gates increasing from 15% to over 35% since the start of operations on July 23," said Gill V. Hicks, immediate Past President, HAIC, and "Salute to Industry" chairman.

In July, PierPASS launched the OffPeak program, a landmark effort to address chronic traffic and air quality issues in and around the ports. OffPeak uses the existing transportation infrastructure more efficiently by shifting cargo traffic out of peak commuting hours to nights and weekends.

"We at PierPASS are proud to have contributed in reducing the local congestion experienced by the community and are looking forward to doing more of the same in 2006 and beyond. Keeping the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach moving is critical to America and we want to be a part of that effort," said PierPASS President Bruce Wargo.

About PierPASS

PierPASS is a not-for-profit company created by marine terminal operators to reduce congestion and improve air quality in and around the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. For more information, please go to www.pierpass.org.

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