



# International Freight Forwarders & Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans, Inc.

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The Times Picayune  
Ms. Jen DeGregorio  
3800 Howard Av.  
New Orleans, LA 70125

Dear Ms. DeGregorio,

The following is in response to your article in the February 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Times Picayune entitled ***“Grants May Help Poultry Exporter”***.

New Orleans Cold Storage (NOCS) has a long history in the New Orleans area. Prior to its current Jourdan Road location they were located just adjacent to the Nashville Ave. wharf with the same type of operation that they will have at Governor Nichols.

New Orleans has always been a port city and this is the type of business we need on the riverfront rather than green space as proposed.

While it is not always recognized, the Port of New Orleans is one of the biggest economic engines in this area.

On behalf of the International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans we strongly support the Port of New Orleans in this endeavor. It will maintain and hopefully increase our export business that we so dearly need and can't afford to lose to our neighbors east of us.

Please feel free to call me should you require additional information, 464-4487.

Sincerely,

*Wayne E. Wegmann*

President