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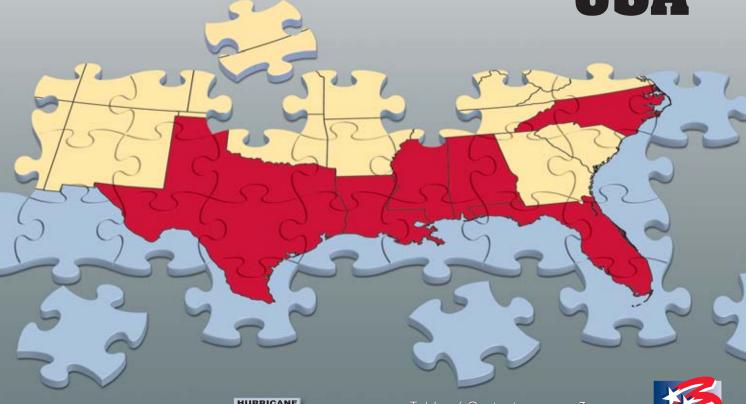
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Hurricane Katrina, which impacted New Orleans and much of the Louisiana and Mississippi coastline, was the most publicized of these natural disasters. The Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (GO Zone) was part of the U.S. government's response to helping re-build the many communities that were hurt.

Now, more than two years later, business is beginning to return to normal. But, thanks to the GO Zone initiative, programs are available to encourage business investment in the states. In Louisiana alone, \$7.9 billion in Gulf Opportunity Zone Bonds remain available to support rebuilding efforts.

The ongoing effort to recover from the hurricane disasters offers an unparalleled opportunity for non-U.S. investors to participate in the re-building effort.

In addition to investment opportunities, U.S. exporters in the six GO Zone

states are looking for buyers and distributors for their products.

The GO Zone Global Business Guide, which begins on Page 13 of this issue of Commercial News USA, features 48 companies with products and services that are ready for export.

Sponsored by the U.S. Commercial Service, part of the United States Dept. of Commerce, and co-sponsored by the Louisiana Economic Development agency, the GO Zone Global Business Guide offers entrepreneurs around the world access to high quality, Americanmade products and services.

Please take time to review the GO Zone Global Business Guide and to contact any companies you are interested in working with.

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International visitors and buyers from 115 nations will join 74,000 colleagues and peers at the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show 2008, May 17-20 at Chicago's McCormick Place.

NRA 2008 – the world's premier showcase for restaurant, hotel, and catering products, services, and equipment – will feature an exciting exhibit floor, informative education sessions, and networking events where professionals can share innovative ideas and industry best practices.



The 2008 show extends a particularly warm welcome to international visitors. At the International Reception on Saturday evening, guests can make profitable contacts with senior executives of U.S. companies in a relaxed setting. Throughout the week, they can also take advantage of The International Trade Center for private meetings, translation services, and matchmaking; The International Back-of-the-House Tours, half-day adventure trips into the city's most successful restaurants (for registered international guests only); and more than 60 programs taught by industry experts that focus on marketing, sales, operations, technology, and services.

With 2,100 exhibitors, the show floor at NRA 2008 will be an event unto itself where visitors can watch – and sometimes participate in – product demonstrations, meet U.S. suppliers and

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manufacturers, learn about the newest technologies and equipment, share ideas that lower costs and build profits, sample new food and beverage products, and arrange one-on-one meetings.

Special pavilions will abound at NRA 2008 to help attendees and buyers identify the hottest trends from around the world. They'll include:

- The American Food Fair regional specialties from around the U.S.
- The 2008 Culinary Event including celebrity chefs and demonstrations
- The Kitchen Innovations Pavilion a showcase of commercial kitchen equipment
- The Franchise Pavilion a meetingplace for franchise professionals
- The Technology Pavilion focusing on restaurant POS systems, wireless technologies, and customer relations management
- The International Cuisine Pavilion featuring traditional foods and beverages
- The Edge Pavilion –

a source of ideas in furniture, design, lighting, and graphics.

International visitors should follow these steps to plan their trip to the NRA Show 2008 show in Chicago: Register online. Reserve a room with a special NRA discount. Download a letter of invitation. Identify the exhibitors you most want to meet. Review the education sessions and plan your schedule.



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World of Concrete was named by Tradeshow Week as one of the Top 50 Fastest-Growing Tradeshows based on 50% total net square footage growth and 50% net growth between 2004 and 2006.

WOC is not only the place to find the newest products, but the place to source new suppliers as well. Product offerings include everything from batch plants, concrete mixing equipment, scaffolding, and grout pumps to trucks, loaders, cranes, sawing equipment, business and project management software, and more.

The World of Concrete Education Program is lauded as one of the finest. More than 10,000 attendees participated in sessions last year. The World of Concrete program is the most in depth in the industry, featuring more than 150 educational sessions in targeted tracks covering everything from Concrete fundamentals to Decorative Concrete and Business Management Practices. The show's 90-minute topics include Leadership Management, Technology for Construction, Legal Issues, Women in Construction, Finance and Money Matters, Green Building, Safety and Risk Management, and more.

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Registration for WOC 2008 is now open, so register online today and purchase the seminars you need to stay competitive. Get ready for an exciting, education-packed week of fun and excitement this January at World of Concrete 2008!

For more information about the 2008 World of Concrete event, visit www.worldofconcrete.com.



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Global business leaders can view the latest in work trucks and truck-mounted equipment and gain key international contacts at The Work Truck Show 2008 and 44th Annual National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA) Convention. Hosted at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the trade fair will run February 26–28, 2008, with the educational conference beginning on February 25 and concluding on February 28.

Produced annually by the NTEA, a trade organization based in Detroit, Michigan, the U.S. commercial truck capitol, The Work Truck Show brings together companies that buy, distribute, import and export the trucks and truck-mounted equipment critical to global economic growth. Manufacturers will display the latest in commercial trucks, truck bodies and equipment in more than 40,000-square meters of exhibition space.

The convention and trade show are open to anyone who purchases, distributes, imports, exports or uses work trucks and truck-mounted equipment in their business. In 2007, The Work Truck Show gathered together more than 9,100 of the primary decision-makers in the industry including representatives and delegations from 19 different countries.

With dozens of industry suppliers introducing new products and product innovations at the event each year, The Work Truck Show is the industry's premier trade fair. This unique business-to-business marketplace allows professionals to discover new work truck products and services, meet with industry and international colleagues, enhance their equipment knowledge and develop new opportunities for their companies or governments.







"I visited for the first time the Work Truck Show in 2006, and attended again in 2007," said Paulo Silveira, Diretor Presidente, FLEET ONE Gestão de Frotas e Veículos Ltda in Sao Paulo, Brazil. "I've already reserved a place in my agenda for the coming event in February 2008. The combination of the exposition area and the forum to share the knowledge really adds value to those who visited. It is rewarding to get to know new companies, products and relationships and to develop good prospects for the future," said Silveira.

This year's event will also feature the latest advancements in hybrid and alternative fuel work trucks. A Hybrid Truck and Alternative Fuels Summit will be held on Monday, February 25, that includes presentations by leading industry experts on hybrid technology, clean technology and alternative fuels. A pavilion will showcase hybrid trucks from leading-edge manufacturers. A "Ride-and-Drive" will give attendees the opportunity to touch, feel and drive various hybrid trucks that are commercially available.

Established in 1964, the NTEA is the leading industry association and represents nearly 1,800 companies that manufacture, distribute, install, sell and repair commercial trucks, truck bodies, truck equipment, trailers and accessories. For more information, visit www.ntea.com.

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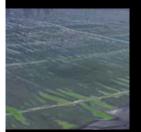
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American companies located in states that were damaged by hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Wilma, and Ophelia. These companies – in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Texas – are actively seeking buyers and distributors for their products and services.

More information about opportunities in each of

the states also is available from several different organizations represented in the GO Zone section. The following page provides an overview from the Louisiana Economic Development agency, a co-sponsor of the GO Zone

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region include the World Trade Center of New Orleans, the Port of New Orleans, the Port of Greater

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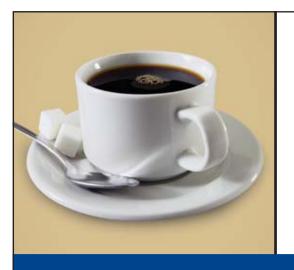
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Louisiana is an attractive market for several reasons, according to Battle, who serves as region manager of Air Liquide's Louisiana operations. "Louisiana's abundance of labor, coupled with its port system and location on the Mississippi River, are huge advantages for companies like ours," says Battle.

After all, Louisiana's network of 27 ports is the most extensive in the world, creating an international transportation center with nearly \$33 billion in annual economic impact. And four of the nation's largest ports, based on foreign commerce tonnage, are located in Louisiana, allowing for trade with more than 190 countries. Louisiana is also one of only two sites in the U.S. where all six of North America's Class One railroads converge, making the distribution of goods and services convenient and cost-efficient.

Air Liquide finds the state's rich natural resources another draw. With Louisiana ranking first in the nation for the production of crude oil and second in natural gas, the state's oil and gas industry is a good fit for the company's operations.



"So many of the oil and gas and chemical industries in Louisiana use our products and our expertise. Nearly any product that is manufactured here we touch in some way," says Battle.

In addition to the state's industrial capacity, he also cites offshore production and the space program as niche markets for Air Liquide's nitrogen product.

All of these factors contribute to growth possibility for Air Liquide. "Air Liquide will continue to explore opportunities to expand here," says Battle.

Louisiana's location and natural resources, along with aggressive business incentives, create the ideal environment for capital investment. Part of that incentive package includes the



Gulf Opportunity (GO) Zone, created by the U.S. Congress in 2005. The GO Zone provides time-sensitive federal tax incentives in areas affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The provisions include \$7.9 billion in GO Zone bonds and 50 percent bonus depreciation, recently extended by Congress through 2010 for the seven most affected parishes.

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New Orleans & Louisiana: Gateway to the World

By Eugene Schreiber

Two years after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated New Orleans and the U. S. Gulf Coast, the rebuilding efforts and economic recovery are well underway, although years of hard work and reconstruction are still ahead. The rebuilding process offers a multitude of attractive opportunities for foreign trade and investment in south Louisiana.

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The rebuilding process offers a multitude of attractive opportunities for foreign trade and investment in south Louisiana.

China, Mexico, Canada, and the Netherlands. The first six months of exports in 2007 indicate that Louisiana is headed towards another record-breaking year with their value up 21 percent over one year earlier.

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Eugene Schreiber is managing director of the World Trade Center of New Orleans, a not-for-profit organization with 2,000 corporate and individual members. Founded in 1943, WTC New Orleans was the first of what are today nearly 300 WTCs in 85 countries that are members of the World Trade Centers Association. For details about WTC New Orleans, go to www.wtcno.org or contact the WTC at wtc-info@wtcno.org or call 504-529-1601, ext. 227.





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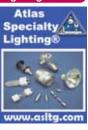
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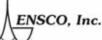
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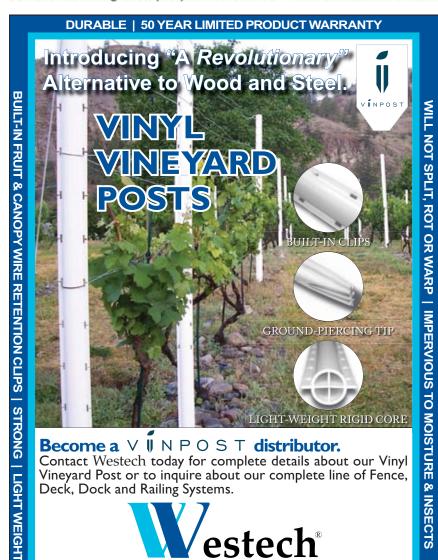
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