

Golden Pass LNG



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Golden Pass' Bordelon at one with outdoors

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SABINE PASS — Tyrus "Ty" Bordelon is an all around outdoorsperson.

As vice-president of operations for Golden Pass LNG, Bordelon is able to see the great outdoors up close and personal. Mottled ducks and pelicans occasionally hang out near his office in Sabine Pass and trophy fish are caught in the nearby Sabine-Neches waterway.

Duck hunting and fishing are just two of his hobbies.

"I also have a small cattle ranch and have some quarter horses," Bordelon said.

His spare time is also spent with family.

A Port Arthur native, Bordelon began working in the liquefied petroleum gas industry in 1978 with Conoco. In 1995 he left the area and worked in areas such as Oklahoma, west Texas and Houston.

"In 2007 I came to work on the LNG project as part of the Golden Pass organization," he said.

Bordelon said he could retire but loves his job.

"It's a very rewarding job and we have a great, dedicated workforce," he said. "I enjoy coming to work, I'm old enough to retire."

The job has allowed the vice-president to travel to Japan and Qatar.

Golden Pass embarks on \$10 billion project

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SABINE PASS — Golden Pass LNG is embarking on a \$10 billion project to add exporting capabilities to its existing facility, which will bring jobs and economic gains to the area.

The liquefied natural gas project will bring an estimated 9,000 direct construction jobs over a five year construction period with peak employment reaching about 3,000 jobs. The project is expected to create the equivalent of about 45,000 direct and indirect jobs across the country during the construction phase, according to a study done by The Perryman Group, Bill Davis project executive, said.

Davis said Golden Pass is in the pre-filing stage with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. After submitting information to FERC and engaging the public through open houses, a final scoping will be performed and by June the formal process will begin.

Davis hopes to have the processes completed and authorization to construct by 2015.

"When you look at a project like this, this is what we do," Davis said. "Southeast Texas is about energy and petrochemicals."

The project has received its free trade agreement permits for doing business with countries such as Chile, Australia, Panama, and others, and is awaiting a permit to do business with non-free trade nations.

Construction will commence once permitting is approved and will likely begin in 2015.

Tyrus "Ty" Bordelon, vice-president of operations, gave a tour of the facility, pointing out notable areas. The facility currently covers about 500 acres of a total of 1,100 acres so there is room for expansion, he said.

The facility consists of five containment tanks that are large enough to hold the vol-

ume of 62 Olympic sized swimming pools and are constructed with 50 million pounds of steel and 5,000 valves.

The berth area is large enough to hold about 77 football fields, according to information from Golden Pass.

Golden Pass also works to be a good corporate neighbor and recently pledged \$130,000 in support of Duck's Unlimited's conservation programs along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Bordelon pointed out a small pond-like area near the management offices where he had recently spotted mottled ducks.

He explained that Golden Pass, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and DU, provided more than 3.2 million cubic yards of dredge material for use on projects at the Salt Bayou Unit of the J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. DU managed the placement of the material which raised marsh elevations to desirable levels and will continue to encourage growth of important plants on more than 2,200 acres.

"Golden Pass LNG takes particular pride in its relationship built on trust and respect with the Sabine Pass community, the heart of the local area," according to its website. "A special effort has been made to ensure a lasting, positive impact on the Sabine Pass community, including funding of a new community center, local United Way contributions, support of the local public school and support of the McFaddin Beach cleanup efforts, including trash pickup and the annual Kid Fish event."

Golden Pass LNG is a joint venture company formed by affiliates of three of the world's largest and most experienced oil and gas companies Qatar Petroleum, 70 percent; ExxonMobil, 17.6 percent; and ConocoPhillips, 12.4 percent.

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Gas fired heaters await product at Golden Pass LNG during the dormant stage of construction.

