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## OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

**Mr. Douglas A. Thiessen, P.E.**

Managing Director of Engineering  
Port of Long Beach

### BUILDING THE NEW LONG BEACH BRIDGE

**Date:** Thursday, October 6th

**Time:** 6:30 PM Social  
7:00 PM Dinner

**Place:** Ports O'Call Restaurant  
Ports O'Call Village  
San Pedro



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**Douglas A. Thiessen, P.E.** as the Port of Long Beach's Managing Director of Engineering, heads all port engineering and construction projects, overseeing more than \$200 million a year in projects. The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners appointed Thiessen as chief harbor engineer in October 2000 then promoted him to Managing Director in February 2007. He has responsibility for engineering design, project and contract management, surveying and mapping, and construction. Thiessen has extensive experience in public engineering and transportation. He has worked in the Port industry since childhood and in the San Pedro Bay ports for over 28 years.

The \$950-million Long Beach Bridge project is a joint effort of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Port of Long Beach, along with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

The Gerald Desmond Bridge, which opened in 1968, was not designed to handle the traffic load that it carries today. The new bridge will be higher to accommodate the newest generation of the most-efficient cargo ships and wider to safely serve the thousands of cars and trucks that travel the route each day. The new bridge will relieve traffic congestion and improve goods movement in the nation's two busiest ports. Once construction begins, the project is expected to generate 4,000 jobs a year for five years of construction according to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation.

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If you have speaker suggestions for 2011, contact Frank Whipple at (714) 892-0085 or [fwhipple@amergenttechs.com](mailto:fwhipple@amergenttechs.com).

### IMPORTANT!

- Please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 5th to Stephanie at 310-549-1532 x221

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