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## **Total's Port Arthur Refinery donates \$120,000 to training group**

Port Arthur, Texas (July 1, 2009) – Total's Port Arthur Refinery will donate \$120,000 to the Golden Triangle Empowerment Center at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1 at the Center's classrooms located at 710 Stillwell Street in Port Arthur. Total has previously donated \$50,000 to the Golden Triangle Empowerment Center for our Deep Conversion Project.

Total spokeswoman Pat Avery will deliver the check to Executive Director, Melvin R. White. Invited guests will include Port Arthur Mayor Deloris Prince, members of the Port Arthur City Council and Hilton Kelley of Community In-Power and Development Association, Inc. The Center was created to help Port Arthur's disadvantaged adults and young men and women receive work skills necessary to become successful workers in the region's growing industrial base. Through key partnerships, the Center trains individuals for skilled and highly demanding construction jobs.

"The money we are donating today will help develop individuals in the Port Arthur community who have traditionally been unemployed or underemployed," Avery said. "This Golden Triangle Empowerment Center will help launch careers by building life skills that will help fill positions in industry. We applaud and support their efforts."

"This donation is the result of a great partnership between the Total Port Arthur Refinery, Community In-Power and Development Association, Inc., Golden Triangle Empowerment Center and the City of Port Arthur working together to improve the lives of the citizens of the Port Arthur Community," Kelley said.

More than 500 students have participated in the Golden Triangle Empowerment Center's programs and 85 percent have graduated and secured jobs in their area of training.

As the primary contractor for the Total Port Arthur refinery's \$2.2 billion Deep Conversion Project, Fluor has successfully hired 32 of the Center's trainees. The project will increase the refinery's deep conversion capacity and will expand its ability to process heavy and sour crude oil. The Deep Conversion Project currently has approximately 2,200 contract employees on-site and will be reaching the peak of its construction phase by the end of the summer.

"In spite of the downward spiraling of our economy that is touching every corner of the United States, we are still witnessing plant expansions going on in Port Arthur," Mayor Prince said. "I want to thank Total and Community In-Power and Development Association, Inc for the stimulus package that they have brought to this area not only for the economy, but also by helping touch the lives of those in Port Arthur who may not have had these employment opportunities."

The Total Port Arthur Refinery current employs 600 full-time employees.

For more information about the Golden Triangle Empowerment Center, call 409-984-2544.

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