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Port Proposes "Green" Headquarters Complex would offer environmental benefits, community amenities

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To replace a nearly 50-year-old, obsolete administration building and maintenance facilities, the Port of Long Beach is proposing to build a new, certified environmentally friendly complex on a 17-acre site just east of the current Port headquarters.

"This upfront investment would give us long-term savings on energy costs, a more efficient workplace and more publicly accessible facilities," said Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "This facility would symbolize the new business, environmentally and community friendly Port."

The new complex would qualify for certification as a "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED). The proposed building would maximize the use of natural light. The complex would also provide amenities for the community such as public meeting rooms, a public cafeteria with outdoor access, an outdoor amphitheater, gardens for special functions and a mile-long walking trail.

The estimated cost of the nine-story administration building and parking structure is \$218 million. The existing building needs seismic upgrades, is overcrowded, lacks sufficient meeting rooms, and would need renovation of its elevators and air condition and heating systems.

This week the Port released a Notice of Preparation and will seek public input before developing an Environmental Impact Report on the project. The Port will hold a series of public meetings to gather input on topics to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report. The meetings will be:

- Tuesday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza.
- Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

Since most of the Port's revenues come from leasing shipping terminals, the Port would not use taxpayer money to fund the design or construction of the complex, which would take about five years.