



Ampco Launches High-Tech Paid Parking System in Galveston

New Service Brings Parking Ambassadors, Solar-Powered Meters and Open Wi-Fi to Galveston's Historic Downtown Area

NEW YORK, Oct 14, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- **Ampco System Parking** is now providing on-street paid parking to the Historic Downtown Strand in Galveston, Texas, marking the first time this service has been available in the popular tourist destination since 2008, when Hurricane Ike destroyed more than 900 parking meters in the City. Ampco System Parking is a subsidiary of **ABM Industries Incorporated (NYSE:ABM)**, a leading provider of facility services in the United States.

Ampco installed the technologically advanced parking system featuring almost 100 solar-powered meters over the summer, and will continue to manage and enforce parking in the downtown area. The new meters communicate wirelessly with each other over an encrypted network, giving visitors to the area the convenience of remotely paying for or adding time to their parking from any downtown meter. Each new digital pay and display meter serves from 10 to 15 parking spaces and accepts coins, bills, credit card and cellular phone payments. The new meters also are fitted with an emergency removal mechanism, to prevent their loss in the event of future storms in the area.

As an additional service, the meters provide broad public Wi-Fi access throughout Galveston's downtown street grid - offering residents, area businesses and visitors a convenient and free entry point for Internet access while in the downtown area.

Parking Ambassadors Extend Added Convenience, Service

Another central feature of Galveston's new parking program is expanding beyond the traditional "meter maid" role by deploying Ampco's tourist-friendly "parking ambassadors," who in addition to enforcing parking regulations also serve as a key source of information for visitors, providing maps and directions and details and information on the district's many shops, restaurants, theatres, events and other attractions.

"A large portion of Galveston's economy is both seasonal and tourist-driven," said City of Galveston Public Information Officer, Alicia Cahill. "The destruction caused by Hurricane Ike had ripple effects far beyond the initial physical damage to our city. Ampco's assistance in restoring parking and implementing this state-of-the-art, customer-focused program - as well as delivering public Internet access downtown - is an important part of the rebuilding of our historic downtown area."

Ampco is operating the program under the terms of a multi-year contract. The new parking program reflects a combined commitment from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which bore much of the meter replacement costs, and Ampco, which also invested in the innovative parking system for Galveston. To that end, Ampco has pledged \$100,000 toward the Galveston Downtown Historic Foundation's Outreach Program, which will help promote the revitalized City and educate surrounding cities and communities on the area's emerging re-development.

Ampco's Regional Vice President Sam Cherkaoui said: "We are delighted to continue working with Galveston to help make the Historic Downtown Strand even more dynamic and exciting than it was before Hurricane Ike. We are pleased to play a role in partnering with the City of Galveston to bring high-quality parking and other services to the many people who live, work, shop and visit Galveston and to contribute to revitalizing this vibrant downtown community."

For more information about Ampco System Parking go to www.abm.com/Services/parking/Pages/Parking-Management.aspx.

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