



JULY 30 - 31. LOEWS CHICAGO HOTEL . CHICAGO, IL

THURSDAY, JULY 30

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration & Check-In – Wright Foyer
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Welcome Lunch & Networking – Wright Ballroom 4+5
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Welcome Address <i>Brian Oszakiewski</i> , Executive Director – American Great Lakes Ports Association (AGLPA) <i>Capt. Paul C. LaMarre III</i> , President – American Great Lakes Ports Association (AGLPA)
1:15 – 1:45 PM	The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway: Current Priorities and Perspectives <i>Mike McCoshen</i> , Administrator – Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS) <i>Demetrios (Jim) Athanasiou</i> , President & CEO – St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC)
1:45 – 2:00 PM	MARAD Priorities: A Focus on the Great Lakes <i>Capt. Stephen M. Carmel</i> , Administrator – Maritime Administration (MARAD)
2:00 – 2:15 PM	An Update from the U.S. Coast Guard <i>CAPT Rhianna Macon</i> , Commander, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan
2:15 – 2:45 PM	The Great Freight Connection: Expanding Cargo Flows Between the Great Lakes & Inland River System <i>Travis Black</i> , Director of the Inland Waterways Gateway & Acting Director of the Great Lakes Gateway – MARAD <i>Erika Witzke, PE</i> , National Director, Freight Planning and Policy, US – CPCS Transcom Inc. <i>Mary Beth Eddy</i> , Senior Consultant, US – CPCS Transcom Inc. <i>Shuake Wuzhati</i> , Senior Consultant, US – CPCS Transcom Inc.
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Sponsor Spotlight – Ports of Indiana <i>Jody Peacock</i> , Chief Executive Officer – Ports of Indiana
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Coffee/Networking Break
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Investing in Maritime: State & Provincial Strategies <i>Moderator: Eric Oberhart</i> , Transportation Program Director – Conference of Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers <i>Emily Finnell</i> , Great Lakes Senior Advisor and Strategist – Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) <i>Jean-François Hould</i> , Delegate – Québec Government Office in Chicago <i>Randy Lane</i> , Freight and Maritime Manager – Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) <i>Brian McCoy</i> , Marine Transportation Program Planning Specialist – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Sponsor Spotlight – Foth <i>Amanda Minks</i> , Project Manager – Foth Companies

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4:15 – 5:00 PM	Built for More: The Future of Containerization on the Great Lakes <i>Moderator: Peter Hirthe, Director of the Office of Trade and Economic Development – GLS</i> <i>Kevin Beardsley, Executive Director – Duluth Seaway Port Authority</i> <i>Brian Dooley, European Trade Representative – Ports of Indiana</i> <i>Jeff Epstein, President & CEO – Port of Cleveland</i> <i>Tony Fisher, Chief of Staff – MARAD</i> <i>Capt. Paul C. LaMarre III, Port Director – Port of Monroe</i>
5:00 – 5:10 PM	Host Port Closing Remarks – Illinois International Port District (IIPD) <i>Erik Varela, Executive Director – IIPD – Port of Chicago</i>
6:00 PM	Meet in Loews Lobby to walk to First Lady Cruise Dock – Boarding Begins at 6:15 PM
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner Cruise – First Lady Boat Tours

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7:45 – 8:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet – Wright Ballroom 4+5
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Doing Business with Great Lakes Ports: What Industry Partners Need to Know <i>Moderator: Kevin Artl, Executive Director – American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois</i> <i>Kevin Beardsley, Executive Director – Duluth Seaway Port Authority</i> <i>Joe Cappel, VP of Business Development – Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority</i> <i>Dave Gutheil, Chief Operating Officer – Port of Cleveland</i> <i>Tiffany McClelland, Executive Director – Lorain Port and Finance Authority</i> <i>Benjamin (Benji) Timm, Port Director – Port Milwaukee</i>
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Leveraging Federal Funds: Grow Port Power with the Export-Import Bank of the United States <i>Christopher McClain, Senior Business Development Officer, Export-Import Bank of the U.S.</i>
9:30 – 9:45 AM	American Great Lakes Ports Association Awards Ceremony Great Lakes Lifelong Leadership Achievement Award <i>James H.I. Weakley, President – Lake Carriers' Association</i> Maritime Leadership and Public Policy Achievement Award <i>Mark Schrupp, Executive Director – Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority</i>
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Updates from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) <i>Lieutenant Colonel David K. Dawes, Chicago, District Commander & District Engineer – USACE</i> <i>Nick Zager, Detroit District Chief of Operations Division, Great Lakes Navigation Team Lead – USACE</i> <i>David Swiatek, Chief, Technical Services Branch, Buffalo District – USACE</i> <i>Kristine Meyer, Acting Chief, Operations Division, Chicago District – USACE</i>
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11:00 – 11:30 AM	Iron Ore Market Trends on the Great Lakes <i>Jason Janisch, Policy Advisor – Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board, Minnesota</i>
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter Awards <i>Presented by the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS)</i>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch – Wright Ballroom 4+5
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Marine Fuel Innovation on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway <i>Kelcie Kraft, Energy Analyst – National Laboratory of the Rockies</i>
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) <i>Introduction: Leslie Zager, Communications Director – AGLPA</i> <i>Emily Huggins Jones, Co-President, WISTA Great Lakes/Midwest Chapter,</i> <i>Partner – Troutman Pepper Locke</i>
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Agriculture Update: A View to 2050 <i>Gary Williams, Director, Transportation & Regulatory Affairs – Specialty Soya and Grains Alliance (SSGA)</i>
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Sponsor Spotlight – Inmarsat <i>Eric Griffin, Vice President Global Energy Sales – Inmarsat, a Viasat Company</i>
2:15 – 2:45 PM	From Feasibility to Futureproofing: Building the Great Lakes' First Maritime Innovation Terminal <i>Moderator: Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Sector Lead, Ports, Transportation & Infrastructure – Ramboll</i> <i>Thomas McKenney, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Engineering – University of Michigan</i> <i>Mark Schrupp, Executive Director – Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority</i>
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Ports, Policy & Partnership: The Great Lakes Role in U.S. Maritime Dominance <i>Moderator: Capt. Paul C. LaMarre III, Port Director – Port of Monroe</i> <i>Capt. Tony Brandano, President – Lakes Pilots Association</i> <i>Lisa Braun, Director Supply Planning & Logistics – Carmeuse</i> <i>Patrick Kelly, Chief Executive Officer – Fraser Shipyards</i> <i>Sydney Plante, Acting Associate Administrator for Strategic Engagement – MARAD</i> <i>Jim Weakley, President – Lake Carriers' Association</i> <i>Tom Wiater, President – Central Marine Logistics</i>
3:15 PM	Closing Remarks