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Please join us for a virtual forum featuring a discussion with Florida's deepwater seaports on the domestic and international developments of the future, plus updates from partners in the transportation industry, government, and private sector.

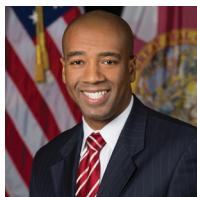
AGENDA

10:00-10:05	Welcome & Opening Remarks: Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida Secretary of Commerce Jamal Sowell, President & CEO of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)
10:05-10:25	State of the Ports: Jamal Sowell & Doug Wheeler, President & CEO of the Florida Ports Council
10:25-10:30	Messages from Ports and Partners: FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault, Port of Ft. Pierce, Congressman John Rutherford, and more
10:30-11:10	Panel I: Containerized Cargo Growth in Florida <i>Moderator:</i> Megan Conyers, Executive Vice President, Florida Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association <i>Panelists:</i> JAXPORT, Port Everglades, Port of Palm Beach, Port Tampa Bay
11:10-11:15	Messages from Ports and Partners: Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, DEO Director Dane Eagle, Consul General Jonathan Chait Auerbach, and more
11:15-11:55	Panel II: Specialized Trade - Ro-Ro, Reefer, Breakbulk and More <i>Moderator:</i> Laura DiBella, Executive Director, Harbor Pilots Association <i>Panelists:</i> PortMiami, Port Manatee, Port Panama City, Nissan
11:55-12:00	Closing Remarks: Manuel Almira, Florida Ports Council Chairman & Executive Director of the Port of Palm Beach

Speakers & Panelists



Address from Florida Governor Ron DeSantis



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State of the Ports: Doug Wheeler, President & CEO of the Florida Ports Council and Jamal Sowell, Florida Secretary of Commerce and President & CEO of EFI

Also hear from Ports and Partners including:

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart; Florida Department of Transportation Secretary, Kevin Thibault; the Port of Ft. Pierce; Representative Chip LaMarca; Congressman John Rutherford; Department of Economic Opportunity Director Dane Eagle, Consul General of Mexico Jonathan Chait Auerbach; Senator Tom Wright; the Port of Port St. Joe
(all tentative)

Panel I: Containerized Cargo Growth in Florida



Moderator: Megan Conyers, Executive Vice President, Florida Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association



Manuel Almira, Executive Director, Port of Palm Beach & Florida Ports Council Chairman



Matty Appice, Chief Commercial Officer, Port Manatee



Eric Green, Chief Executive Officer, JAXPORT



Glenn Wiltshire, Deputy Port Director, Port Everglades

Panel II: Specialized Cargo - Reefer, Breakbulk, Ro-Ro, and More



Moderator: Laura DiBella, Executive Director, Florida Harbor Pilots Association



Captain John W. Murray, Port Director and Chief Executive Officer, Canaveral Port Authority



Eric Olafson, Director of Global Trade and Business Development, PortMiami



Wayne Stubbs, Executive Director, Port Panama City



Representative from Nissan (Tentative)

Florida Ports Council

Over the past three decades, Florida's seaports have invested billions of dollars to expand capacity and connectivity, both critical components in the efficient movement of people and cargo on and off the port. Our seaports work to enhance the state's economy and the quality of life in Florida by fostering the growth of domestic and international waterborne commerce.

The Florida Ports Council is the professional association for Florida's 14 seaports, providing leadership through a collective voice in the areas of state and federal advocacy, research and data, and marketing and communications.

Enterprise Florida

Competing in today's global market can present challenges. Your business location shouldn't be one of them. That's why Florida has created a business-friendly environment to enable companies like yours to grow quickly.

Florida understands what it takes to do business and stands ready to welcome you with the talented workforce, top-ranked infrastructure, global connectivity and quality of life your company needs.

Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) is a public-private partnership between Florida's business and government leaders and is the principal economic development organization for Florida. EFI's mission is to expand and diversify the state's economy through job creation.

