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Speaker Profile



Stephen A. Edwards
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Stephen A. Edwards is the CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA). He is responsible for the broad programmatic areas of business and relationship development, infrastructure development, strategic marketing, economic development, finance, security and safety. He directs and manages the operations of Virginia's marine and inland terminal facilities through Virginia International Terminals, LLC, the port's private terminal operating company, including Virginia International Gateway, Newport News Marine Terminal, Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Richmond Marine Terminal and the Virginia Inland Port.

He is a globally experienced leader in the maritime industry with extensive operational experience and a proven track record of growing businesses and creating long-term value for customers and stakeholders.

Before joining the VPA in January 2021, Stephen served as President and Chief Executive Officer for TraPac, LLC and was responsible for the overall performance of the company with focus on safety, service and sustainability. Prior to that, he was the CEO of Global Container Terminals. Previous industry experience includes president and CEO of Ports America Group and president and CEO of P&O Ports North America.

In his capacity as CEO and Executive Director of the VPA, Stephen serves as an ex-officio member of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) board of directors. Mr. Edwards is a director of the Through Transport Mutual Insurance Association Ltd.

Stephen holds a BS (Hons) degree in Transport Management from Aston University in England.