



Joseph W. Cappel

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Joseph W. Cappel is the Vice President of Business Development for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. He is responsible for working with the Port Authority's existing and potential business partners in developing and expanding business opportunities in the Toledo Region. Mr. Cappel is also involved in many other facets of Port Authority operations, including grant writing and administration, transportation planning, terminal development, lease negotiations, marketing, dredge material management and environmental matters, port security, and government relations.

Mr. Cappel joined the Port Authority in September 2004. Prior to that, he was the Logistics Manager at Ryder Logistics and a Distribution Supervisor for the Kroger Company. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Cappel is a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, majoring in transportation & logistics and marketing. He obtained his Executive MBA at Bowling Green State University.

Joseph serves on the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) and the National Museum of the Great Lakes Board of Trustees and is on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Great Lakes/Seaway Review Magazine. Joseph is the 63rd candidate to receive the Professional Port Manager certification and is a member of the inaugural class of Professional Port Executives certified through the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). He represents the Port of Toledo on multiple AAPA Committees, including the Professional Development Board and as chair of the Economic Development Committee. He is also the immediate past chair for the Ohio Freight Advisory Committee for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and serves on ODOT's 2050 Steering Committee and the Ohio Maritime Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Cappel is an appointed member of the Lucas County Transportation Improvement District Board of Directors and is also co-chair of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Dredge Research and Innovation in Farming Team (DRIFT).