



JONATHAN DANIELS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO
MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT

Jonathan Daniels currently serves as the Executive Director and CEO of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

Jonathan joined the MSPA in June 2013 and oversees the operations and development of the Port of Gulfport, which is the third busiest container port in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and the second largest importer of green fruit in the United States. The Port's capabilities include handling bulk, break-bulk and containerized cargo.

Jonathan brings a wealth of experience in port management, international trade, and economic development to Gulfport as his prior business experience includes serving as Executive Director of the Port of Oswego Authority in Oswego, New York; President and CEO of Eastern Maine Development Corporation; Managing Director of the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and the Port of Greater Baton Rouge; and Port Director of the Port of Eastport, Maine, where he oversaw the development of a \$20 million marine industrial park.

A 1991 graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, with a degree in International Politics and Military Affairs, Jonathan has completed graduate work in Maritime Management at Maine Maritime Academy. He is also a graduate of the International Program of Port Planning and Management at the Louisiana State University Ports and Waterways Institute, and has completed several port management sessions with the American Association of Port Authorities.

In addition to his professional experience, Jonathan has served on numerous boards and commissions including the American Great Lakes Ports Association and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Community Advisory Committee, as well as an appointment from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to serve on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Commission for the National Park Service.