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## FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



**John P. LaRue**  
Executive Director, Port of Corpus Christi Authority

On April 26, 1994, the Commissioners of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority unanimously selected John P. LaRue as Executive Director. Mr. LaRue's appointment follows a career of public service that spans more than 35 years.

As Executive Director of the Port of Corpus Christi, Mr. LaRue oversees the day-to-day operations of the Port, one of the largest in the United States and the largest economic generator of the region. This oversight includes the Departments of Engineering, Finance & Administration, Government Affairs, Security, Operations, Human Resources, and Trade Development.

Mr. LaRue is Treasurer of the Port Industries of Corpus Christi, a coalition of major port-related entities in Corpus Christi concerned with advancing the quality of life. In addition, he is Chairman of the State of Texas Department of Transportation Port Advisory Committee; he serves on the board of the International Refrigerated Transport Association; the San Antonio Free Trade Alliance Board; and the Board of Directors of the American Association of Port Authorities.

A native of Reading, Pennsylvania, Mr. LaRue received his BA and MA in Political Science from Villanova University.



**Keith A. Patridge**  
President & CEO McAllen Economic Development  
Corp. and McAllen Foreign Trade Zone

Mr. Keith Patridge has over 26 years of experience in assisting companies with start-up operations in McAllen and Reynosa, Mexico. As CEO, he has worked with global companies to develop strategic plans that support expansion and financial superiority in competitive markets.

The McAllen Economic Development Corp. has assisted more than 600 companies in the relocation and start-up of operations, resulting in more than 140,000 jobs. Mr. Patridge and his team maintain a strong international relationship with Mexico and work closely with Mexican officials in Reynosa to attract investment, develop infrastructure, enhance workforce education and training, and promote the construction of worker housing.

Mr. Patridge holds two bachelor degrees from Missouri Western State College and a doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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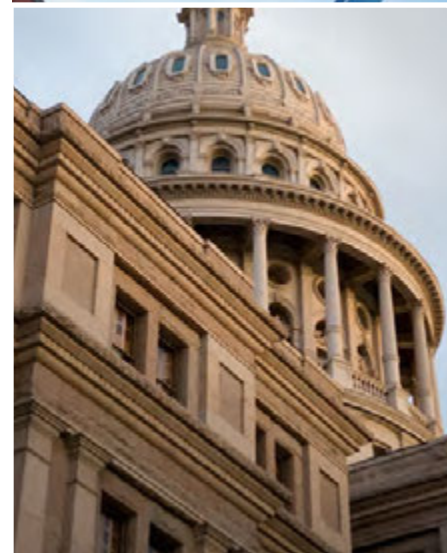
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Texas House Member, District 74

Joseph Adams



**Texas Freight  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

**January 7, 2015  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

TxDOT Offices  
First Floor Commission Hearing Room  
125 E 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 79701

