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The DeSoto  
15 East Liberty Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

*Business casual attire is suggested for this seminar*

**Tuesday, April 12**  
(all times listed are EDT)

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Chris Connor, President & CEO, American Association of Port Authorities*  
*Griff Lynch, Executive Director, Georgia Ports Authority*  
*Chris Novack, Senior Director of Engineering & Facilities Maintenance, Georgia Ports Authority, and Chairman, AAPA Facilities Engineering Committee*

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      **Panel I: Perspectives on Strategic Asset Management from Ports on the Journey**

The panelists will discuss why they began the asset management process, what their goals and expectations are, results to date including lessons learned, and next steps in the increasingly critical business process.

**Speakers:**

*Gareth Lifton, Managing Director, US Lead for Asset Management, KPMG, Infrastructure Advisory*  
*Dan Hendrickson, Vice President, Asset Management & Special Projects, Virginia Port Authority*

**Moderator:**


*Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, Lamar University Center for Advances in Port Management*

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **Break**



## Tuesday, April 12 (continued)

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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Panel II: Engineering Solutions to Your Container Handling Equipment Obstacles</b></p> <p>This panel will discuss current trends and technology solutions to container handling equipment problems such as enhancements to help with concerns of higher cranes, when you should upgrade versus buying a newer crane, how to plan for obsolescence, how to keep it running after a purchase, including how to keep it running without support from the OEM, how to estimate total cost of ownership, what should you include in your inventory to support your operation, and more.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Paul Harkness, Director of Crane Maintenance and Repair, Georgia Ports Authority</i> <i>Rich Philips, Principle, Casper, Philips &amp; Associates</i> <i>Simo Mustalammi, Director, BL STS, Konecranes</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Chris Novack, Senior Director of Engineering &amp; Facilities Maintenance, Georgia Ports Authority, and Chairman, AAPA Facilities Engineering Committee</i></p>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<b>Keynote</b>
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Garden City Terminal Tour</b></p> <p>Join us in the hotel lobby at 1:45 p.m. as we head to the Georgia Port Authority for a tour of the Garden City Terminal that includes scaling the 152' Ship to Shore Crane; reviewing an operational rubber tire gantry crane; and visiting the GPA's crane simulator.</p>
4:30 p.m.	<b>Return to Hotel</b>
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Networking Reception</b>
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (15th Floor of DeSoto Hotel)	<p><b>Dinner at Chatham Club</b> <i>Business casual (jackets required)</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <i>Griff Lynch, Executive Director, Georgia Ports Authority</i></p> <p><b>Sponsored by:</b> Georgia Ports Authority</p> 



## Wednesday, April 13

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Panel III: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Port Industry</b> An active panel discussion of lessons learned from port industry professionals that had to adjust their operation in order to continue business and support their customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.  <b>Speakers:</b> <i>Rackley Dawson, Regional Sales Manager, TMEIC Corp.</i> <i>Eric Nichol, President, Moffatt &amp; Nichol</i> <i>Charles Pennington, Human Resources Operations Manager, Georgia Ports Authority</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Zac Canody, Sr. Project Manager, Jacobs Engineering</i>
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Panel IV: Multi-Discipline Delivery of a Major Port Capital Project— Design and Construction of the Mason Megarail at the GPA</b> Panelists will discuss the challenges associated with planning, designing, and constructing the largest on-terminal intermodal facility in North America.  <b>Speakers:</b> <i>Brian Quinney, Director of Container Operations, Georgia Ports Authority</i> <i>Daniel Peavy, Sr Project Engineer and Deputy Program Manager, Moffatt Nichol</i> <i>Duke Acors, Director of Strategic Operations and Safety, Georgia Ports Authority</i>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Chris Novack, Senior Director of Engineering &amp; Facilities Maintenance, Georgia Ports Authority, and Chairman, AAPA Facilities Engineering Committee</i>
12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mason Megarail Tour</b> Participants tour of the newly completed Mason Megarail with review of the rail mounted gantry cranes by the GPA Engineer of Record and Program Manager, Moffatt & Nichol.
4:30 p.m.	<b>Return to Hotel</b>
	<b>No Host Dinner</b>



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## Thursday, April 14

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Facilities Engineering Committee Meeting</b> (committee members only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Discussion/Issues</li><li>• AAPA Facilities Engineering Seminar &amp; Expo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2023 – Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA</li></ul></li></ul>
11:30 a.m.	<b>Seminar Adjourns</b>