



Michael Wilson

Director of Economic Development and Mobility

Michael Wilson has been with Port Freeport for 20 years and currently serves as Director of Economic Development and Mobility. His primary responsibilities revolve around sales, marketing, strategic planning, project acquisition and business development.

Michael's first job in the international shipping business was as a longshoreman in Lake Charles, Louisiana working summers while in school at Northwestern State University.

Michael's career path has to lead him through many levels of shipping and international transportation management including port operations, truck and rail terminal operations, steamship line management, customer service, documentation, sales, marketing, pricing, and administrative management. He is a past district manager of NYK Line, past VP of Demas traffic and customer service, past VP national sales, marketing and customer service for Weco Agencies & Nordana Line.

Education

Michael has over 40 years of experience in international business and logistics. He has certifications as a trainer of VOHMA hazardous material management, economic development, quality compliance, and is currently pursuing his PPM (Professional Port Management) certification via the American Association of Port Authorities.

Affiliations & Community Involvement

Michael is currently serving as a voting member of the Houston Galveston Area Council Transportation Advisory Committee, Houston Regional Freight Committee, International Transportation Management Association, and the HGAC Transportation Policy Council.

Personal

Michael moved to Houston in 1979 along with his wife Ruth. He is the father of two Texans, Aaron 20 and Nichole 24.

Port Freeport

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 15th in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobile, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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