



Carlos Buqueras
Executive Director

Carlos Buqueras is executive director of Port Manatee and is responsible for overall operations at Florida's fourth-largest deepwater seaport. He became the port's fifth executive director Jan. 2, 2012 after spending 22 years as director of business development at Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

During his tenure at Port Everglades, Mr. Buqueras helped double container cargo and he helped increase the port's cruise business by nearly 70 percent. Mr. Buqueras brings that expertise to Port Manatee where he is committed to increasing overall business and becoming an active member of the community.

Prior to Port Everglades, Buqueras spent 10 years at Corning Inc. in Corning, N.Y. There, he was responsible for managing international distribution functions at

importing and exporting plants, developing business and distribution strategies and improving profitability.

In 2011 Mr. Buqueras was nominated by U.S. Secretary of Commerce John Bryson for an appointment to the Florida District Export Council effective January 2012.

He was instrumental in the creation of Foreign Trade Zone No. 25 – the first of its kind and largest in Florida. He is a past member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau Marketing Advisory Committee, past chairman and board member of the Broward Alliance's International Marketing Committee and served on the board of governors of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Buqueras was vice president of the International Business Development Committee for Fort Lauderdale's sister cities program from 2005 until 2007 and is a past board member of Florida Atlantic University's International Advisory Board.

Buqueras earned a Masters in Economics from Universidad de Barcelona and a Masters in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J.