



David L. McDonald PPM[®]
Executive Director

David McDonald is Executive Director of the Manatee County Port Authority, a position he has held since 1992. During his tenure, nearly \$200 million in port improvements have been completed, solidifying Port Manatee as one of Florida's fastest growing seaports with a regional economic impact of \$2.3 billion annually, supporting more than 20,000 jobs statewide.

Mr. McDonald is past chairman of the Florida Ports Council, a position he held for 10 years. He also served as chairman of the Florida Ports Council's Environmental Management Committee and is chairman of The Florida Ocean Alliance.

He earned his accreditation as a Professional Port Manager (PPM[®]) in 1996 from the American

Association of Port Authorities and was one of the association's first five port managers to receive the distinction.

In 2008, Mr. McDonald completed a three-year term serving former U.S. Transportation Secretaries Norman Mineta and Mary Peters on the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council.

He holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of South Florida and a bachelor's degree from Florida International University.