



## Port of Corpus Christi Announces Organizational Appointments

**Corpus Christi, TX, USA** –The Port of Corpus Christi has appointed Jeff Pollack as its first Chief Strategy Officer. Pollack, who specializes in coastal community land use and resiliency, joined the Port’s leadership team in 2018 as Director of Planning, a newly created position overseeing all strategic planning, master planning, land use planning, GIS, and federal and state grant administration.

As Chief Strategy Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi, Pollack will oversee all planning functions, as well as all environmental programs. With the continued and growing focus on environmental impacts from port operations and development, the Environmental Planning and Compliance department will now report to Pollack as well. The synthesis of the two entities underscores the Port’s commitment to proactive, data-driven planning as well as continuing to undertake strategic environmental initiatives well beyond regulatory compliance.

“As a coastal gateway, there is an environmental dimension to all that we do, and this reorganization helps to centralize environmental considerations at the core of our decision-making process,” said **Pollack**.

“The continued evolution of our organizational culture and alignment is necessary to keep pace with the extraordinary growth the Port of Corpus Christi continues to experience. With the large investments in the region by industry, increased demands on supporting infrastructure requires a world-class organization, and Jeff and the rest of the Port of Corpus Christi executive team have demonstrated their acumen and ability to rise to the occasion,” said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**.

In addition to the appointment of Pollack to the role of Chief Strategy Officer, additional appointments include naming Lisa Hinojosa as Director of Communications. Formerly the Manager of Communications, Hinojosa will continue to develop pathways for consistently developing and sharing information while further promoting the Port of Corpus Christi gateway for the global energy marketplace.

Leslie Ruta has been named Strategic Planning Manager. Leslie has been overseeing grant development and administration for the Port of Corpus Christi since 2018, a role which requires significant interaction with Federal and State Agencies such as the Texas Department of Transportation, FEMA and the U.S Department of Transportation. The agencies are responsible for infrastructure, environmental and security grant programs. Leslie will continue her grant responsibilities along with the additional responsibilities of early stage economic development opportunity analysis and strategic planning initiatives.

### **About Port Corpus Christi**

*As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port Corpus Christi is “Moving America’s Energy.” <http://www.portofcc.com/>*

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