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## **Port of Pensacola Director Amy Miller Elected Chair of the FSTED Council**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (September 5, 2018) – Today, at the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council meeting in St. Petersburg, the council elected Amy Miller, Port of Pensacola Director, as chair. She replaces Wayne Stubbs, director of Port Panama City, who served as chair for three years. The FSTED Council is comprised of the port directors for Florida's 15 public seaports, and representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Department of Economic Opportunity. The Council oversees the FSTED Program (Chapter 311, Florida Statutes), a state and local financing program of priority seaport transportation projects. The Florida Ports Council staffs the FSTED Council and administers the FSTED program. The other officers elected were Captain John Murray, CEO of Port Canaveral, as Vice-Chair, and Eric Green, CEO of JAXPORT, as Secretary-Treasurer.

"The same attributes and leadership that have contributed to Amy's successes at the Port of Pensacola will be invaluable in her service to FSTED," said Doug Wheeler, president and CEO of the Florida Ports Council. "We look forward to working with Amy and port partners on the FSTED funding process to unify Florida ports in their efforts to keep Florida competitive in the global marketplace."

Miller has been at the Port of Pensacola for more than 16 years, serving as port director since 2013. She has worked in the maritime industry for 25 years.

"The FSTED Council is continually committed to identifying and allocating funds to port projects that will enhance the economy and bring jobs and trade to the state of Florida. I am honored to have been elected by my peers to chair this important program," said Miller.

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*The Florida Ports Council is the professional association of Florida's 15 public seaports, providing advocacy, leadership and research on seaport-related issues before state and federal government. Florida's ports support more than 900,000 jobs in the state and contribute \$117 billion to the state's economy each year. The Florida Ports Council administers the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council (FSTED) which is required to provide a 5-year Florida Seaport Mission Plan annually according to F.S. 311.09(3).*