

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF
John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi Authority

On April 26, 1994, the Commissioners of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority unanimously selected John P. LaRue as Executive Director after an extensive nationwide search. Mr. LaRue's appointment follows a career of public service that spans more than 35 years.

As Executive Director of the Port of Corpus Christi, he oversees the day-to-day operations of the Port, one of the largest in the United States and the largest economic generator of the region. This oversight includes the Departments of Engineering, Finance & Administration, Government Affairs, Security, Operations, Human Resources, and Trade Development. He reports to a seven member Commission appointed by Nueces (3) and San Patricio (1) Counties and the City Council of Corpus Christi (3). The Port of Corpus Christi has gained recognition locally and nationally for its contributions to the community and its continued growth. Its projected growth and diversification will continue to make the Port one that has to be taken seriously.

Mr. LaRue is Treasure of the Port Industries of Corpus Christi, a coalition of entities in the Coastal Bend concerned with advancing the quality of life in Corpus Christi. In addition, he is the former President of the Texas Ports Association; Board Member of the International Refrigerated Transport Association; Member of the Marine Industry Council of the Texas Transportation Institute; Member of the State of Texas Department of Transportation Port Advisory Committee; former Board Member of the American Association of Port Authorities; Member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and Former Vice Chairman of the Chilean American Chamber of Commerce. He has established Sister Port relationships with Puerto Cortes, Honduras; Keelung, Taiwan; Veracruz, Mexico; Canary Islands; and WuHu, China.

Among his local community activities he serves as Chair of the Gulf of Mexico Foundation; Chairman of the 2003 National Conference for Community & Justice Walkathon; Past Chair of the United Way; Past Chair of the USO; and former Board Member of the American Heart Association.

Immediately prior to assuming his duties at the Port of Corpus Christi, Mr. LaRue was Executive Director of the Philadelphia Regional port Authority. He oversaw the successful development of this state-funded agency for a three-county port zone from its inception in 1990 while transitioning from the Philadelphia Port Corporation where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1986. In addition, he served as Commissioner of the Delaware River Port Authority, a bi-state agency (Pennsylvania and New Jersey) charged with oversight of various transportation agencies. Prior to 1986 he served as Assistant Commerce Director for the City of Philadelphia and Assistant Director of Federal Programs for the City's Managing Director's Office.

A native of Reading, Pennsylvania, Mr. LaRue received his BA and MA in Political Science from Villanova University. He and his wife, Diane, enjoy their life in Corpus Christi. They have four sons and three grandchildren.

JOHN P. LaRUE

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

Port of Corpus Christi Authority **1994-present**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Responsible for the planning, organizing, and administering the activities of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

Philadelphia Regional Port Authority **1990-1994**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Established and managed new state authority for three-county port zone in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia Port Corporation **1986-1990**
PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Responsible for major port facilities and commercial development along the waterfront in the City of Philadelphia.

Delaware River Port Authority **1987-1989**
COMMISSIONER
Appointed by Governor of Pennsylvania. Bi-state Authority responsible for operation of four bridges. High Speed Line and international marketing for the Ports of Philadelphia.

City of Philadelphia **1978-1986**
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE
Administrative and policy oversight of Philadelphia's Port, Civic Center, and International Airport. Direction of City's Washington lobbying effort as it relates to defense, aviation, economic development, and port matters.

EDUCATION:

Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania **1971 & 1968**
M.A. and B.A. in Political Science

Bornemann Central Catholic High School, Reading, Pennsylvania **1964**

AWARDS/HONORS:

- Man of the Year, 1992. Philadelphia Customs Broker Association
- Man of the Year, 1994. Seaman's Church Institute
- Bernardo O Higgins Award, 1994. Republic of Chile