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VANTA E. CODA II

Executive Director

Duluth Seaway Port Authority

Vanta E. Coda II became executive director of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority on Oct. 1, 2013, bringing with him to the Great Lakes over 20 years of experience in multimodal transportation and logistics including marketing and sales, pricing and financial analysis. Throughout his career, Coda worked with customers across commodity groups including coal, aggregate, chemicals, petroleum, steel, wind generation and the heavy-lift sector.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Coda began his career in Chicago in 1993 with the Illinois Central Railroad, becoming director of marketing and sales following its merger with CN. He went on to management positions with the Westlake Group of Companies, American Commercial Lines, Dynegy Inc., and served most recently as Director of Global Logistics for Nabors Industries in Houston.

Coda is currently on the Chamber of Marine Commerce Board of Directors, serves as president for the Minnesota Ports Association, and is an active member of the American Great Lakes Ports Association and Minnesota Agri-Growth Council. In addition to several local/regional maritime and economic development committees, Coda also serves on the University of Wisconsin-Superior Transportation & Logistics Advisory Board and the U.S. DOT Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC).