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## Industry Leaders Coming to 2007 PPC

Ron Widdows, CEO of American President Lines, headlines a long list of industry leaders who have committed to participate in the Port Productivity Conference.

**The 2007 Port Productivity Conference** is shaping up to be a significant gathering of maritime transportation and trade leaders. The conference will take place February 20-22, 2007 in Charleston, S.C.

American President Lines CEO **Ron Widdows** has confirmed that he will deliver the keynote address on February 22 in Charleston. Widdows is widely-known in the trade as a leading industry executive who has been outspoken on port and U.S. freight transportation infrastructure issues. His experience in the industry and in Washington D.C. working on national infrastructure issues makes him an ideal keynote presenter for the PPC. Other leaders that have confirmed their participation include:

**Tom Simmers**, Chief Executive Officer, Ceres Marine Terminals

**Jim Newsome**, Vice President, Southeastern Area, Hapag Lloyd

**Chris Parvin**, Vice President, Vessel Operations, Mediterranean Shipping Company

**Bernard Groseclose, Jr.**, President & CEO, South Carolina State Ports Authority and former AAPA chairman

**Geraldine Knatz**, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles

**Michael Zachary**, Director of Port Planning and Logistics, Port of Tacoma

**Jeff Lawrence**, Executive Director, Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association

**Robin Lanier**, Executive Director, Waterfront Coalition

**Jim Brennan**, Principle, Norbridge Consulting

**Larry Keller**, Director, Ports & Maritime, Kennedy Jenks

Many other industry leaders are in the process of confirming their participation.

As an entertaining break to the important discussions in the regular business sessions, the lunch presentation on February 21 will feature **Daniel Forster**, host of The Discovery Channel television show "Extreme Engineering". He has a fascinating and eye-popping presentation entitled "A Behind the Scenes Look at the World's Biggest Engineering Projects Ever."

Quick facts about the conference:

*Marine Digest & Cargo Business News* 2007 Port Productivity Conference.  
February 20-22, 2007. Charleston, South Carolina.

Golf tournament on February 20th followed by an Oyster Roast.

Early bird registration is just \$390.

Host Sponsor: Port of Charleston.  
Charleston Area Convention Center.  
Expecting 350+ attendees.

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