

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks



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Dramatic Changes Coming to JaxPort February 17, 2023

Finally, some good news about the environment and Jacksonville's role in it: JaxPort won a federal grant of \$47 million to help reduce its carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050, the target set by climate scientists. To discuss this project the **First Coast Tiger Bay Club** program for **February 17th** features speakers from JaxPort involved in these innovations.

This grant, part of the Inflation Reduction Act signed into law last year by President Biden, will be administered by Jacksonville-based Crowley Maritime. According to the January 11, 2023 edition of the [Florida Times-Union](#), "Crowley's goal would cut greenhouse gas emissions each year through 2050 at a rate equal to removing 900,000 cars annually from the road, according to the company. Crowley, whose headquarters is in the Regency Square mall area of Arlington, operates in 36 nations and territories while employing about 7,000 people . . . The federal grant will go toward a total of \$47 million of projects at the Talleyrand and Blount Island terminals for electrified refrigerated container stacks, hybrid-electric rubber-tired gantry cranes, battery-powered electric forklifts and yard tractors, installation of fast-charging stations, and developing a plan for moving the port and local maritime industry toward zero-emission technologies."

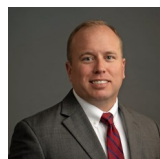


To discuss these details we have **Meaghan Atkinson**, Vice President of Sustainability at Crowley, and **David DeCamp**, Director of Corporate Communications.

Ms. Atkinson spearheads the company's efforts to build partnerships across its industries and value chain. In her prior role as Director of Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs, she led the creation of the company's first greenhouse gas inventory, leveraging Salesforce's Net-Zero Cloud. Her work led to Crowley's submittal of its first emission reduction goals to the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTI), an organization that defines and promotes best practices in emission reductions and net-zero targets in line with climate science.

Before joining Crowley, she spent more than 15 years

managing sustainability programs for organizations like CSX Corporation and the State of Florida Department of Military Affairs. Her industry leadership includes expertise in sustainability strategy and best management practice, environmental regulation and management, ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) reporting and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) building certification. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida and a bachelor's degree in Marine Sciences from Stockton University.



David DeCamp, Director of Corporate Communications at Crowley, leads the company's communications team, agencies and activities internally and externally in 36 countries. His responsibilities include public relations, media relations and employer

brand strategy, including community communications and engagement of business activities and strategies such as sustainability, policy engagement and reputation management. A FEMA-certified Public Information Officer, he serves on the corporate crisis management and marketing leadership teams. He is a member of the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2019, serves as Chair of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus Board of Directors, on the Jacksonville University Marine Science Research Institute advisory board, and on the Jacksonville Meninak Club Board of Directors.

Prior to joining Crowley, DeCamp was communications director for the City of Jacksonville. He previously was a staff writer at the *Tampa Bay Times* in St. Petersburg and, as many Tiger Bay members may remember, at the *Florida Times-Union* where he covered elections and government. A native of Indianapolis, he is a graduate of Indiana University in Journalism and Public Policy. He and his wife Jennifer live in Jacksonville.

We hope you can join us to learn how JaxPort is shifting from oil and diesel based energy to zero carbon emissions. We finally have some good news on the local climate story and look forward to seeing you on **February 17th**.

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