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Florida Supply Chain Summit on Sept. 9-11 to Explore How the State Makes, Moves, and Trades Goods

Sessions Will Cover the Impacts in Florida of the CHIPS Act, the Space Industry, AI, Manufacturing and More

MIAMI (August 8, 2024) – PortMiami will host the 5th Florida Supply Chain Summit, where top government officials, industry leaders, and key professional organizations will showcase the latest developments in manufacturing, trade, and logistics.

Set for September 9-11, sessions will cover news from Florida's top five deepwater ports; business opportunities within the state's cruise industry; and how Florida is continuing to emerge as a hub for business in space. A panel discussion, "Florida's Space Commerce," will be moderated by Lt. General (Ret.) David Buck, President of BRPH Mission Solutions, a company that has been engineering and designing solutions on the state's Space Coast since 1964.



"By facilitating and strengthening partnerships within the trade and logistics industry, the Florida Supply Chain Summit provides an invaluable platform for collaboration among key representatives from industry, government, and academia," said Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. "This summit is crucial for addressing industry challenges, embracing emerging trends, and fostering workforce development — all of which are vital for the continued growth and success of PortMiami and the broader supply chain sector in our state. PortMiami has played a key role in overcoming recent supply chain challenges, showcasing its resilience and innovation. The visit by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg highlighted the importance of our port in not only supporting our local economy but also in ensuring the stability and efficiency of our national supply chain."

[The program](#) will be held on alternate days at PortMiami's Cruise Terminal D and Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay. Other highlights include a luncheon keynote speech at the cruise terminal Tuesday, September 10, by Rogue Valley Microdevices Founder and CEO Jessica Gomez, the first woman in the U.S. to lead a company supported by the CHIPS Act. The act, signed by President Joe Biden in 2022, aims to help rebuild the nation's semiconductor industry.

Following Gomez’s presentation, Quant CEO Deb Friar will host a panel of top technology minds to discuss how artificial intelligence (AI) is streamlining – and transforming - Florida’s supply chain using machine learning, deep learning and other AI technologies.

Organizers are expecting hundreds of attendees to also hear presentations by Max Baxa, President and CEO of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals International, and to learn from a panel hosted by The Hackett Group Principal Chris Sawchuk on “Innovations and Insights in Florida’s Retail and Distribution Supply Chains.”

The summit is being organized by a steering committee that includes representatives from FloridaMakes, the U.S. Commerce Service, Florida Atlantic University, the University of South Florida and the ports in Tampa Bay, Jacksonville, the Everglades, and Miami.

“The summit's mission is to advance Florida as a global trade hub,” said Hydi Webb, Director & CEO, PortMiami. “It aligns seamlessly with our own goal of operating the state's top container port and the world's leading cruise port in a sustainable manner.”

About the Florida Supply Chain Summit

The Florida Supply Chain Summit will occur September 9-11, 2024 at [Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay](#), 1633 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, Fla; and at PortMiami, Cruise Terminal D, 1435 North Cruise Blvd., Miami Fla. It is the fifth time, after a hiatus due to the pandemic, the summit has been held after launching in 2019. Its vision is to facilitate and strengthen partnerships in the trade and logistics industry by providing opportunities to network, address industry issues and share knowledge about critical issues. The event also seeks to highlight emerging trends, technological innovations and workforce development best practices.

Go to the summit’s website to [view the program](#).

About Attending the Florida Supply Chain Summit

To learn more, go to the [summit website](#).

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