

# Welcome to Two Directors



The Diamond State Port Corporation recently welcomed new staff members: (left to right) Director of Operations Fred Fitzgerald, Director of Planning and Development Paul F. Ignudo, and Controller Victor F. Farkas.

In recent months, the Diamond State Port Corporation (DSPC) hired two new directors and a new Controller for the Port of Wilmington, Delaware. We take this opportunity to introduce them to the Port community.

Fred Fitzgerald was named DSPC Director of Operations beginning October 22. Fred joins the Port with extensive experience in transportation, terminal operations, warehouse and logistics management; most recently with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Jacksonville, Florida. As Director of Operations, Fred will oversee four divisions of the Port's Operations

Department: Vessel Services, Cold Chain Distribution Services (CCDS), Warehouses Services, and Customer Service and Inventory Control.

The Vessel Services group provides all berthing and discharge services to nearly 450 vessels a year calling at the Port. CCDS, DSPC's frozen cargo division, is one of the U.S.A's leading warehouse and distribution centers for handling, inspection and storage of meat and fish imports. The Warehouses Services Group manages the Port's warehouse facilities, comprised of 700,000 square feet of dockside cold storage facility and over 200,000 square feet of dry

cargo warehouse space. The Port of Wilmington's Customer Service and Inventory Control Group provides personalized customer service for cargo distribution and inventory control via e-commerce tools.

Mr. Paul F. Ignudo, Sr. was appointed as DSPC Director of Planning and Development beginning January 15. Paul brings to the DSPC knowledge and experience in all phases of construction and local, state and federal government regulations and administration. For the past nine years, Paul was the Director of Facilities Management for the State of Delaware, where he over-

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saw the construction management for all of the state agencies. His experience also includes working for the City of Wilmington as the Commissioner of Licenses and Inspection.

As Director of Planning and Development, Paul will be responsible for the DSPC's long-term planning, capital program development and execution, and the coordination of environmental, transportation, and other programs with Federal and State agencies. Mr. Victor F. Farkas assumed the position of DSPC Controller on December 10. As DSPC Controller, Victor will make use of his experience in accounting, most recently as the Manager of General Accounting and Operations for Rollins Leasing Corporation. Previous to working with Rollins Leasing, Victor had also acquired financial and analytical experience with Penn Fuel Gas, Inc. and Wolf Advisory International, Ltd. In his new position, Victor will oversee DSPC revenues and the Port's entire accounting function. He will supervise a staff of eight employees while reporting to the Director of Finance, Mr. Parul Shukla.

"The directors and I welcome Fred, Paul and Victor to the Port of Wilmington. They all bring great talents and rich experience, and I am confident that they will make a positive contribution to DSPC daily operations and future development," DSPC Executive Director R. Adam McBride said.



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