

2026 INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

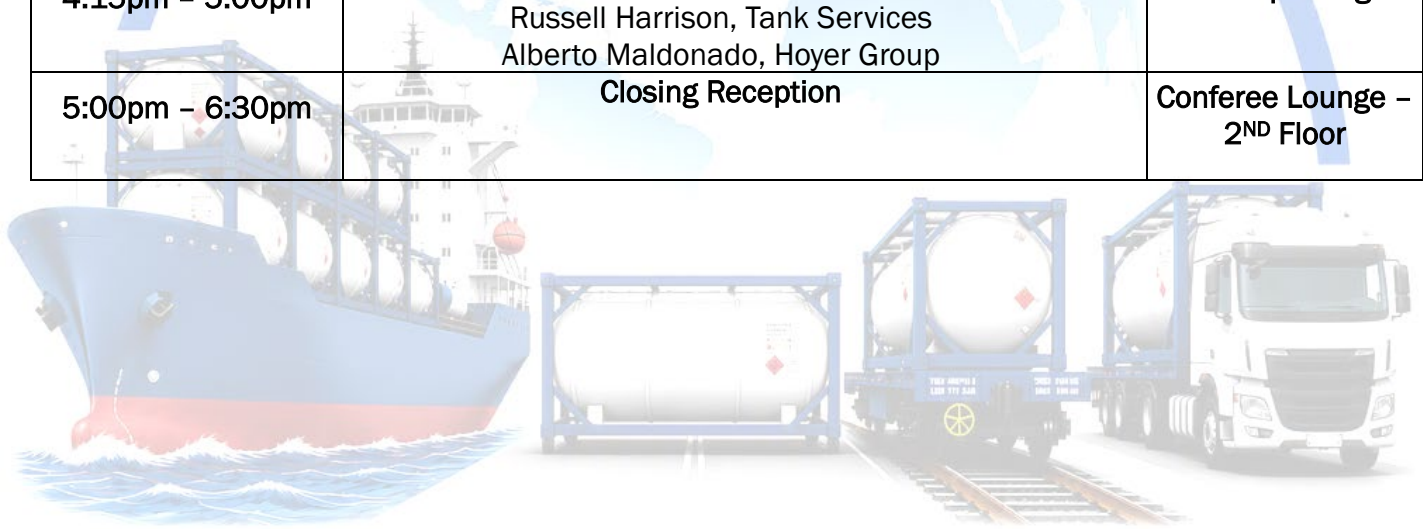
Location: The San Luis Resort, Spa & Conference Center
5222 Seawall Boulevard
Galveston, TX 77551

Reception: Oct. 5, 2026 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Summit: Oct. 6, 2026 9:00am – 5:00pm

Summit Agenda

Monday, October 5, 2026		
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Opening Reception	Pool Deck
Tuesday, October 6, 2026		
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome and Opening Comments Jeffrey Louis, Freedom Intermodal & ITCO Regional Director, Americas	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
9:15am – 10:00am	Bulk Liquid Update and Global Market Conditions John Hark, Texas A&M Professor	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
10:00am – 10:45am	Bulk Liquid Shipper Panel Devon Campbell, Freedom Intermodal, Moderator Ian Ott, Chevron Chip Schifano, Heniff Transportation Russ Boullion, Hoyer Group Janine Mansour, Port NOLA	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
10:45am – 11:00am	Break	
11:00am – 11:45am	The Importance of Fluid Sealing Management Josh Heyl, VSP Technologies	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
11:45am – 1:00pm	Networking Lunch	Blake's Bistro

1:00pm – 1:45pm	Where ISO Meets Rail Panel April Daniels, Depot Connect Intl., Moderator Benny Sarbeck, Ascend Performance Materials Ashley Sutera, Union Pacific Deborah Willits, 225 Rail	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Port of Houston – Bayport Expansion Andy Pan, Port of Houston	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Recognition of Sponsors and Break	
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Federal Railroad Administration Updates Adam Konrad, FRA	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
3:30pm – 4:15pm	IMDG Regulations and Updates Peter Hordijk, Need4Peet LLC	Grand Ballroom – 3 rd Floor
4:15pm – 5:00pm	ISO Tank Instruction and Display Russell Harrison, Tank Services Alberto Maldonado, Hoyer Group	Outside parking lot
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Closing Reception	Conferee Lounge – 2 ND Floor



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Speaker Biographies (Alphabetical order by last name)

Russ Boullion
Hoyer Global (USA), Inc.
President



Russ Boullion is President of HOYER Global (USA), leading the North American business of one of the world's leading bulk liquid logistics providers. He brings more than 25 years of commercial and operational leadership across logistics, transportation, and supply chain, with deep roots in the chemicals and plastics sectors.

Before joining HOYER, Russ spent more than eight years at Quantix SCS where he held vice president roles over warehousing, transload, packaging and export, enterprise accounts, and corporate marketing, including leading the integration and launch of the Quantix brand. He also brings experience in private equity backed growth and transformation. Russ holds an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and a BBA in Finance from Sam Houston State University.

AJ Konrad
Federal Railroad Administration
General Engineer for Motive Power and Equipment Division, Office of Railroad Safety



Mr. Konrad joined FRA in 2016 as a General Engineer in the Hazardous Materials Division. In that role, he has worked to improve oversight of tank car owners and repair facilities through industry collaboration and outreach, overhauled the FRA's alternative inspection program approval process, and helped launch the Hazardous Materials Incident Investigation process. He's also worked with the FRA's Office of Research to develop projects that tested the robustness of tank car manway lids and separately the impact effects of overspeed couplings on various draft gear designs.

Before joining FRA, Mr. Konrad worked for Baker Hughes in Houston, Texas. At Baker Hughes, he served as a well construction engineer in the Gulf of Mexico, providing cement engineering services for deepwater oil wells on the outer continental shelf as well as high temperature/high-pressure oilwells in Mobile Bay. He also coordinated material logistics for numerous oil and gas cementing projects in inland waters in Louisiana and state waters off the coasts of Louisiana and Texas.

Mr. Konrad earned his Electrical Engineering degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, graduating Magna Cum Laude

John Hark
Bertling Logistics – Chartering Director, North America
Texas A&M – Adjunct Professor



John has been in the Houston maritime industry for 30+ years and holds Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Maritime Business Administration and Logistics from Texas A&M. He started with Bertling in 2002 as Director of North America Vessel Operations. After moving to Bertling's logistics division, he held various management roles within North and South America. He is currently the North America Chartering Director. John has also been an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University since 2002.

Active in various industry and education initiatives, John is the current President of the Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association, sits on advisory councils for Lone Star College, Texas A&M, Houston City College, TSU, Galveston College, and San Jacinto College and is a board member of the Port Houston Partners in Maritime Education nonprofit organization.

He is also on the International Propeller Club Board, Houston Maritime Center and Museum Advisory Board, is a member of the Houston Institute of Supply Management Executive Advisory Board, chairs the Education Subcommittee for the Houston District Export Council and sits on the Editorial Board for Breakbulk Magazine. In April 2020, he founded the Houston Supply Chain/Logistics Education Collective to proactively minimize the logistics industry talent gap and foster industry relationships with educators and students in the Greater Houston region.

Russell Harrison
Tank Services, Inc
President



Russell Harrison is a tank container industry veteran with 30 years of experience in manufacturing, selling, leasing, repairing, refurbishing, and modifying portable tanks. A native of Houston, Texas, he graduated from the University of Houston before entering the industry in 1993.

Russell learned from tank container industry pioneers and enjoys teaching others. He still works for Tank Service Inc.; a company he founded 20 years ago to provide tank equipment and component spare parts to customers throughout North and South America.

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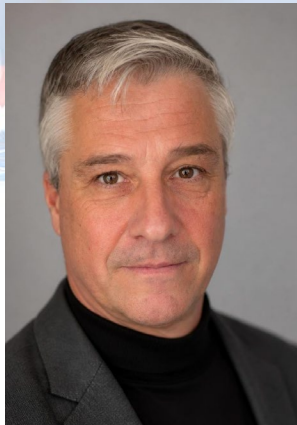
Josh Heyl
VSP Technologies
Global RideTight® Program Manager



As the Global RideTight® Program Manager at VSP Technologies, Josh oversees fluid sealing management initiatives designed to improve the safety, reliability, and operational efficiency of bulk transportation equipment worldwide. With more than 15 years of combined technical and commercial experience in transportation asset maintenance, he provides industry education, develops customized client solutions, and helps organizations meet regulatory and operational requirements.

Josh partners with domestic and international hazardous materials shippers to strengthen fluid sealing practices, promote responsible product stewardship, and minimize risks to both clients and the public. His expertise includes evaluating critical sealing processes, developing customized sealing strategies, implementing targeted process controls designed to prevent leaks & non-accidental releases (NARs), and enhancing asset performance, reliability, and utilization.

Peter Hordijk
Need4Peet LLC
Founder



Peter Hordijk is the founder of Need4Peet LLC and a logistics, quality, safety, and compliance professional with more than 25 years of international experience, primarily within the ISO tank container industry.

Beginning his career in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Peter has held leadership roles spanning ISO tank operations, QHSSE, dangerous goods compliance, auditing, supplier management, and training.

A former Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor (DGSA), he is passionate about translating complex regulations into practical guidance. Peter will present on the importance of the IMDG Code throughout the ISO tank supply chain, including key regulatory changes and what they mean for everyone involved in moving dangerous goods safely by sea.

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Alberto Maldonado
Hoyer Global (USA), Inc.
Technical Specialist



Alberto Maldonado is an experienced ISO tank and fleet maintenance professional with more than 25 years of experience in the tank container industry. His background includes ISO tank fleet maintenance and repair, depot operations, customer requirements, and tank preparation for the safe transportation of liquid products. Alberto currently serves as Technical Specialist with Hoyer Global (USA), Inc., supporting approximately 45 depots across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. His responsibilities include depot audits, special projects, ISO tank training, and ensuring tank containers are properly repaired, tested, maintained, and prepared for service.

His technical expertise includes ITCO ACC guidelines, 49 CFR, and IMDG regulations, as well as evaluating customer loading requirements and determining the appropriate equipment and preparation for specific products. He works directly with chemical plants, customers, and depot personnel, providing practical guidance on the safe loading and unloading of ISO tank containers, tank preparation, and export requirements.

Throughout his career, Alberto has held positions including Fleet M&R Supervisor, Fleet Planner/M&R Representative, Logistics Manager, and Logistics Supervisor, giving him extensive hands-on experience in tank inspections, depot operations, fleet maintenance, tank preparation, inventory management, and ISO tank movements.

Bilingual in English and Spanish, Alberto brings a combination of technical knowledge, hands-on operational experience, and practical industry insight to the ISO tank industry.

Janine Mansour
Port of New Orleans
Director of Trade Development



Janine M. Mansour has been on the commercial team at the Port of New Orleans since 2010 and currently serves as the Director of Trade Development. In her role, she works with the Port's key shipper, ocean carrier, inland transportation and logistics clients to provide client support, supply chain solutions and drive business growth across the Port's cargo and rail business lines. She serves as a Board member on the Louisiana District Export Council and is an active participant in many industry associations including the International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans, the American Cotton Shipping Association and the American Metals and Supply Chain Institute.

Janine attended Rice University, where she ran division-I cross-country and track and graduated with a B.A. in both Psychology and Policy Studies. She received her MBA with a concentration in Management from Tulane University in 2014. Through Tulane, Janine received the Allen R. Vorholt Fellowship for outstanding leadership and scholarship and was recognized by New Orleans City Business as Ports and Transportation "Ones to Watch". In

2017, she was the recipient of the Young and Emerging Leader Award from the World Trade Center of New Orleans and Louisiana Economic Development. Janine is a native New Orleanian residing in Houston, speaks Mandarin and she and her husband, Aubrey, have three children.

Ian Ott
Chevron
Specialties Planner



Ian Ott is a Specialties Planner with Chevron, supporting both the Lubricants and Chemicals businesses through a cross-commodity role focused on continuous improvement, supply chain optimization, and transportation strategy.

With more than 16 years of logistics and supply chain experience, including 10 years with Chevron, Ian has developed expertise across highly complex domestic and global supply chains spanning rail, truck, intermodal, marine, and international logistics. Throughout his Chevron career, he has managed the movement of specialty chemicals, lubricants, additives, and bulk commodities through integrated transportation networks that require balancing safety, service reliability, regulatory compliance, customer expectations, and cost competitiveness.

Ian spent five years in rail transportation, serving as both Rail Expeditor and Rail Lead before moving into broader supply chain and logistics roles. In 2025, he served as a strategic lead supporting Chevron's Import/Export operations, helping manage global supply chain movements, international logistics execution, and intermodal transportation networks.

Andy Pan
Port of Houston
Trade Development Manager



Andy Pan joined Port Houston as a Trade Development Manager in 2024, bringing with him a wealth of expertise in logistics and supply chain management. In this role, Andy will leverage his extensive experience to drive strategic growth and elevate trade operations at Port Houston. He will play a pivotal role in fostering relationships with key stakeholders, optimizing port operations, and expanding the port's market presence.

His background includes serving as a regional sales manager for a leading international NVOCC and a line manager for a major container steamship line. He also brings valuable insights from his role as an import manager for a prominent Houston-based importer.

Benny Sarbeck
Ascend Performance Materia
Senior Logistics Manager



Benny is based in Houston, Texas, with 30 years of experience in the chemical logistics and supply chain industry. During 11 years with Ascend, Benny has specialized in supply chain optimization, team leadership, procurement strategy, and cross-functional operations improvement.

In the current role, Benny oversees multimodal logistics procurement across a broad range of transportation modes and service areas, including ocean freight (FCL, LCL, and bulk parcel), inland barge, air freight, terminals, intermodal, trucking, and logistics site operations.

Prior to and throughout Benny's career at Ascend, he built extensive expertise across chemical logistics operations, commercial sales, and procurement, with 20 years of experience in the NVOCC sector. This combination of operational, commercial, and procurement experience provides a comprehensive perspective on complex global supply chain challenges and logistics strategy.

Benny is a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University at Galveston, earning a Bachelor of Science in Maritime Administration.

Chip Schifano
Heniff Transportation
Senior Vice President of ISO Sales



Chip graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and has 28 years of chemical logistics experience primarily in the ISO Tank Industry. From 1998 to 2008, he worked at Boasso America in multiple operational capacities learning all aspects of the ISO Depot & Transportation business prior to using the acquired skills and knowledge to start his commercial career.

Since 2009, Chip has held several commercial leadership and business development roles with industry leaders where he has created accelerated growth initiatives, set pricing strategies, managed a few customer agreements and found time for creating a friendship or two. Chip genuinely cares for helping customers, colleagues and those around him learn, solve and succeed in the chemical logistics world. When not working, he enjoys travelling with his wife of 26 years, Alesha, having fun with their 3 daughters and being bad at golf.

Ashley Sutera
Union Pacific
General Director, Chemical Sales



Ashley Sutera currently serves as the General Director, Chemical Sales for Union Pacific (UP), based out of Spring, TX. In this role, she leads a sales team with business development and account management responsibilities for about half of UP's Plastics and Industrial Chemicals portfolio.

Since starting with UP as a summer intern in 2007, she has had various experiences in frontline sales and marketing in both Omaha and Spring, covering a multitude of markets.

Sutera has also held strategic commercial support positions in M&S Learning & Development, Market Resource & Financial Planning, and Commercial Strategy & Experience.

Sutera graduated summa cum laude from Creighton University in 2008 with majors in Marketing and French. She and her husband Scott recently welcomed their first daughter.

Deborah Willits
Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder
225 Rail and Pasadena Rail



Deborah Willits is the CEO and co-founder of 225 Rail and Pasadena Rail, a premier railcar storage terminal on the Houston Ship Channel. The 70-acre site holds 1,500 railcars. It also offers transloading, railcar requalification, repair, and cleaning.

Deborah specializes in developing rail and marine terminals that handle bulk liquid commodities. She has more than 40 years of experience marketing, building, and running logistics solutions designed around each client's needs.

Few people in logistics know as many modes of transportation as Deborah does. She has worked across steamship, rail, barge, pipeline, and terminal operations. She has also worked with ocean-going dry bulk and liquid vessels, including chartering. She has held roles at leading companies in each of these areas: Kinder Morgan, American President Lines, CSX Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, and American Commercial Barge Line.

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