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Annual Meeting Spotlights 14 Wisconsin Ports

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(Green Bay, WI) Representatives from Wisconsin's 14 ports will share information on current trends in the commercial port industry at the [Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association \(WCPA\)](#) annual meeting August 27- 28 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This year's meeting will focus on continuing efforts to improve Wisconsin ports and waterway infrastructure, increasing freight movement, and ways ports and the businesses that utilize them can capitalize on the Great Lakes-Seaway System.

The meeting will also include an opportunity for port leaders to discuss common issues facing Wisconsin ports as well as opportunities. "One of our larger undertakings this year was successfully ensuring Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) funding was maintained in the state budget," said Dean Haen, Director for the Port of Green Bay and WCPA president. "HAP funding helps pay for harbor projects like dock repairs, dredging and shipbuilding and keeps our ports thriving."

Haen says the most important aspect of the annual meeting is the attention it brings to the commercial shipping industry. "The more the public is aware of what Wisconsin ports do, the more people realize that the shipping industry truly opens up Wisconsin to the rest of the world," Haen said.

The WCPA was created in 2001 by the municipal commercial ports of Wisconsin. Its goal is to provide a forum for exchange of ideas, information and experiences as they relate to port management. More information on the WCPA can be found at www.wcpaports.org.

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