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Jerry Bridges Begins as VPA Executive Director

Norfolk, VA – Jerry A. Bridges officially began his post as executive director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) Monday, Feb. 5.

Bridges came to the VPA from the Port of Oakland where he served as that port's chief executive responsible for overall operations, management and financial performance of that port's three lines of business: the airport, seaport and its commercial real estate holdings. He is a former U.S. Marine and has more than 20 years of experience in the maritime industry.

Bridges takes over for J. Robert Bray, who is now the VPA's director emeritus. Bray began his career at the VPA in 1967 and in 1978 he was appointed executive director. Bray will officially retire in December 2007.

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The Virginia Port Authority (VPA) is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, reporting to the state Secretary of Transportation. The VPA owns and operates four general cargo facilities on behalf of the state: Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Newport News Marine Terminal and the Virginia

Inland Port in Warren County. The terminals are operated by Virginia International Terminals, Inc. (VIT) the non-stock, non-profit operating company. The VPA, through terminal earnings generated by VIT, is operationally self-sufficient. The VPA and correlating maritime industry is responsible for 165,000 jobs, \$762 million in business revenues and \$61 million in state and local taxes throughout the Commonwealth.