



JAMES BENNETT

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

James Bennett, P.E., is Chief Operating Officer, responsible for overseeing the port's three operational divisions as well as its engineering and construction department. Bennett also oversees the implementation of a capital growth program in excess of \$250 million annually. Major projects under his area of responsibility include the expansion of Blount Island's container and auto-handling capabilities.

Bennett joined JAXPORT in 2017 as Senior Director of Engineering and Construction, responsible for the port's marine and landside infrastructure development and engineering and construction operations. In this role, he managed the completion of JAXPORT's major growth initiatives, including the 47-foot harbor deepening project, a \$100 million berth modernization project, and renovations to improve operational efficiencies at the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal.

Bennett is a licensed professional engineer with extensive experience in senior transportation positions, including more than 20 years with the Florida Department of Transportation, where he served as Planning Manager for District Two, encompassing 18 counties throughout North Florida.

Bennett is currently an elected official in Baker County where he serves on the five-member Board of County Commissioners. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida.

