



ASPIRE Welcomes the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) as an Industry and Innovation Board Member

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August 22, 2024 - The ASPIRE National Science Foundation (NSF) Engineering Research Center welcomes the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) as its newest Industry and Innovation Board (IIB) member.

“As key hubs in our nation’s transportation system, America’s ports are proud of the progress we have already made and are making in the environmental, resiliency, and sustainability spaces,” stated Cary S. Davis, AAPA President and CEO. “Through strategic partnerships with peers like the ASPIRE NSF Engineering Research Center, AAPA is excited to amplify our positive impact, share our maritime and supply chain expertise, and continue striving for cleaner infrastructure on the Center’s Innovation Board.”

AAPA’s membership with the ASPIRE Engineering Research Center is critical to our mission of electrifying roadway infrastructure. As the voice of port leaders and maritime industry partners, AAPA’s involvement emphasizes the essential link between port infrastructure and the broader transportation network.

“AAPA is the trusted leader in advancing transportation technology and policy, essential to uniting stakeholders in the maritime industry investments in green infrastructure, leading to sustainable movement of goods,” said Michael Masquelier, ASPIRE’s Chief Commercial Officer.

This partnership is poised to enhance the integration of electrified roadways with ports, ensuring a seamless and sustainable supply chain from origin to destination. Together, AAPA and ASPIRE will drive infrastructure innovation, supporting a resilient and future-ready global transportation system.

About ASPIRE

Advancing Sustainability through Powered Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification (ASPIRE) is a National Science Foundation (NSF) Generation 4 Engineering Research Center (ERC) that conducts vital R&D to catalyze sustainable and equitable electrification across the transportation industries. ASPIRE leads the efforts of close to 400 global contributors working in

sync towards facilitating widespread electrification of all vehicle classes and catalyzing the creation of public infrastructure that provides an inexpensive, seamless charging experience.

ASPIRE initiatives help reduce harmful emissions, improve air quality and public health, and protect the environment while supporting economic development through reduced cost and scale efficiencies, clean transportation workforce skilling and job creation, and equitable access across these opportunities for all. Efforts are integrated across multiple disciplines, including engineering, social science, policy, and business, through close collaboration with 10 top-tier universities, over 60 industry, government, and non-profit members across all sections of the electric transportation ecosystem, as well as community partners and advisors at every level of society. For more information, visit www.aspire.usu.edu.

About AAPA

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is the unified voice of port leaders and maritime industry partners across the Western Hemisphere who serve a vital role in job creation, international competitiveness, and economic prosperity. Connecting small business owners, retailers, and manufacturers to the global marketplace, AAPA member organizations advocate for national policies and infrastructure investments to support a resilient global supply chain and a positive impact on how people live, work, travel, and engage in commerce.

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