



**Richard (Rick) Tucker**  
**Executive Director**  
**Port of Huntsville**

Rick Tucker is responsible for the overall management of activities under the jurisdiction of the Port of Huntsville, including Huntsville International Airport, the International Intermodal Center, and the Jetplex Industrial Park, which are owned and operated by the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority. He received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Freed-Hardeman University and has worked for the Airport Authority since 1978 holding various positions within the organization.

Since Mr. Tucker was named Executive Director in 1994, the Port of Huntsville has enhanced its services and facilities in many ways. At Huntsville International Airport, he has overseen the extension of the west runway to 12,600 feet; construction of a new 219-foot air traffic control tower; construction of a nearly 3,000 space parking deck; completion of \$93 million, 5-year terminal area capital improvement project; the addition of new non-stop passenger service to seven top travel destinations and the growth of passenger traffic by 18%. Under the direction of Mr. Tucker, growth at the International Intermodal Center includes completion of a \$17 million expansion; construction of a 100,000 square-foot facility for Panalpina and the addition of a 92,493-square foot air cargo facility which includes 5,250 square feet of cold storage; the expansion of international air cargo flights to Europe, Mexico, Hong Kong and Brazil; designation in 2012 as being ranked 14<sup>th</sup> out of 182 airports in the US for international air cargo freight, the growth of rail cargo activity by 76% and the growth of air cargo activity by 312%. The Port of Huntsville is ranked the 14<sup>th</sup> largest airport in the U.S. for international air cargo. He has guided the development and growth of the Jetplex Industrial Park to successfully recruit Remington; the growth of industrial park square footage by approximately 2 million square feet; and the addition of more than 30 new tenants.

Mr. Tucker was recognized by *Air Cargo World Magazine* as one of Air Cargo's Most Influential Leaders in 2006, was awarded the Huntsville Rotary Club Vocational Excellence Award in 2010 and was just recently named the 2013 International Trade Advocate by The North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA). He is an active member of the American Association of Airport Executives, Airports Council International, The International Air Cargo Association, and other state and regional economic development organizations. Mr. Tucker served as President of the Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors and the North Alabama International Trade Association and served on the Alabama Commission on Infrastructure and the Business Advisory Council for the College of Administration Science at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He was reappointed by the Secretary of Transportation to the Airport Cooperative Research Program Oversight Committee and was appointed by the State of Alabama as Alabama's representative to serve on the Appalachian Regional Commission's Network Appalachia Study Group. Mr. Tucker is married to the former Wanda Norton and they have three children - Melinda, Nathan and April - and five grandchildren - Arden, Silas, Tucker, Harper and Brannan. He is a member of The Light Church of Christ.