

ICTPA-SCC December Luncheon Tuesday, December 19, 2023

LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS

11:30am to 1:00pm

LAX \$30 Billion Transformation

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11:30 am-11:45 am Networking

11:45 am-11:55 am Opening Remarks & Past Presidents and Board Members

Recognition

11:55 am-12:10 pm Sponsorship Program

12:10 pm-12:30 pm Terri Mestas, LAWA Chief Development Officer

Topic: \$30 billion Capital Improvement Program

12:30 pm-12:50 pm Veronica Soto, LAWA Senior Advisor for

Workforce Development and Economic Impact Topic: Inclusivity and Workforce Development

12:50 pm-12:55 pm Q&A Session

12:55 pm-1:00 pm Closing Remarks



The Proud Bird Bazaar and Events Center, Mission Room

11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles, CA (Free Parking)



Registration

Regular: \$60 (by 12/15); \$70 (after 12/15)

Public Agency/Student: \$20 (by 12/15); \$30 (after 12/15) LAWA Employees: \$10 (by 12/15); \$20 (after 12/15)

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Ms. Terri Mestas Chief Development Officer Los Angeles World Airport

Terri Mestas is a seasoned professional with over 30 years of experience leading large, complex infrastructure programs for space exploration, miliary installations, national and international antiterrorism physical security, and innovative project delivery for the aviation industry. As the executive in charge of the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) \$30 billion Capital Improvement Program, Mestas is helping to transform the future of aviation infrastructure to position LAX as the leading airport in the world.

Mestas continuously explores the convergence of innovation, sustainability, and mobility in aviation. LAWA's cutting-edge projects will revolutionize passenger experience for more than 75 million travelers annually, support 67 airlines perform 1,412 daily domestic and international flights, enhance cargo logistics for 2.75 million tons of trade, and set global standards for modern international airports while setting the stage to accommodate passengers for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Olympic Games.

Mestas oversees the development of the Terminal 9 project, which will add 1.4M square feet to support national and international travel capacity and become one of the most iconic terminals in the world. The transformation of LAX will elevate Los Angeles' prominence among world cities through the Landside Access Modernization Program, Terminal Development Improvement Program, Airfield and Terminal Modernization Program, and Cargo Modernization Program, among other projects. She leads a team of over 450 and manages the services of over 1,700 firms providing design, construction, and professional services to execute work at LAX and Van Nuys airports and Palmdale land holdings.

Prior to her executive leadership role at LAWA, Mestas held several positions for AECOM supporting public and private organizations. Mestas led the Capital Improvement Program at NASA Ames, which includes Moffett Federal Airfield, a joint civilian-military airport. She was integral to the lease agreement between NASA and Google and oversaw construction of Google's 1.1M sq ft tech campus at NASA. She also supported NASA Armstrong at Edwards Airforce Base, the center for conducing and supporting research and development of flight, as well as test activites by America's commercial aerospace industry. She served as Program Director for the Los Angeles Community College District, the nation's largest community college district with a \$6.2 billion College Facilities Bond Program.

Most recently, she held the position of Senior Director for Capital Projects, Modernization, Planning, Design and Construction at The California Institute of Technology, where she oversaw the development of one-of-a-kind research facilities working with esteemed researchers, to include Nobel prize winners, performing landmark research in neuroscience, ecology and biosphere engineering, quantum precision measurement and other areas.



Ms. Veronica Soto

Senior Advisor for Workforce Development and Economic Impact

Los Angeles World Airport

Veronica Soto is the Senior Advisor for Workforce Development & Economic Impact for the Los Angeles World Airports \$30 billion Capital Improvement Program. Previously, she also served as the Inclusivity & Workforce Development Administrator for the Landside Access Modernization Program. She possesses over 25-years of experience developing public agency economic and workforce development programs that promote diversity and economic inclusion based on high standards of equity, open competition and transparency on capital projects with a combined value of over \$60 billion.

Veronica developed nationally and locally recognized programs serving small and disadvantaged businesses for the \$2.4B Alameda Corridor Project, \$27B Los Angeles Unified School District School Construction Program, \$6.2B Los Angeles Community College District Bond Program, and Los Angeles County \$350M Martin Luther King Medical Center Project. She also served as the Los Angeles Director for Emerald Cities Collaborative and performed economic inclusion work in New Orleans post Katrina.

Veronica's commitment to creating connections between industry and youth is also long-standing. She led the effort to launch the HireLAX Youth Program for Angelenos ages 18 to 24 to help cultivate a skilled workforce and address high unemployment among youth of color. She also created the ACES Engineering Pathway Program to increase the diversity of students entering the design and construction industry by eliminating barriers to higher education and providing paid internship experience on major capital projects.

Veronica has served on a variety of boards, is a member of numerous industry organizations, and is a recipient of local, regional, and national awards for her work building the competitive capacity of small, diverse firms and creating pathways for local and disadvantaged workers. She most recently completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mel King Fellowship on Transnational Economic Democracy that heightened her awareness of international comparative approaches to creating community wealth and empowerment.

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