

BREAKBULK

AMERICAS SEPTEMBER 22-23 2026

2026 EVENT REPORT

Host Port



RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Attendees

6,300+

Meetings booked
on the App

1,560

Global Shippers
in attendance

523

27% increase compared with 2025

Exhibitors

330+

Rebooked for 2027

88%



What an incredible two days we shared in Houston. From the buzz of the exhibition floor and insightful sessions to the NextWave 30 Awards, Maritime Throwdown and Breakbulk Open Simulator, the energy remained high throughout.

For me, the most powerful moments happened in-between, when conversations became connections, ideas turned into opportunities and projects moved forward.

On behalf of the entire Breakbulk team, thank you for bringing your expertise, ambition and enthusiasm. You made Breakbulk Americas 2026 truly memorable.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Houston for Breakbulk Americas, taking place **October 19-20, 2027.**"

Patrick Hyslop
Event Director

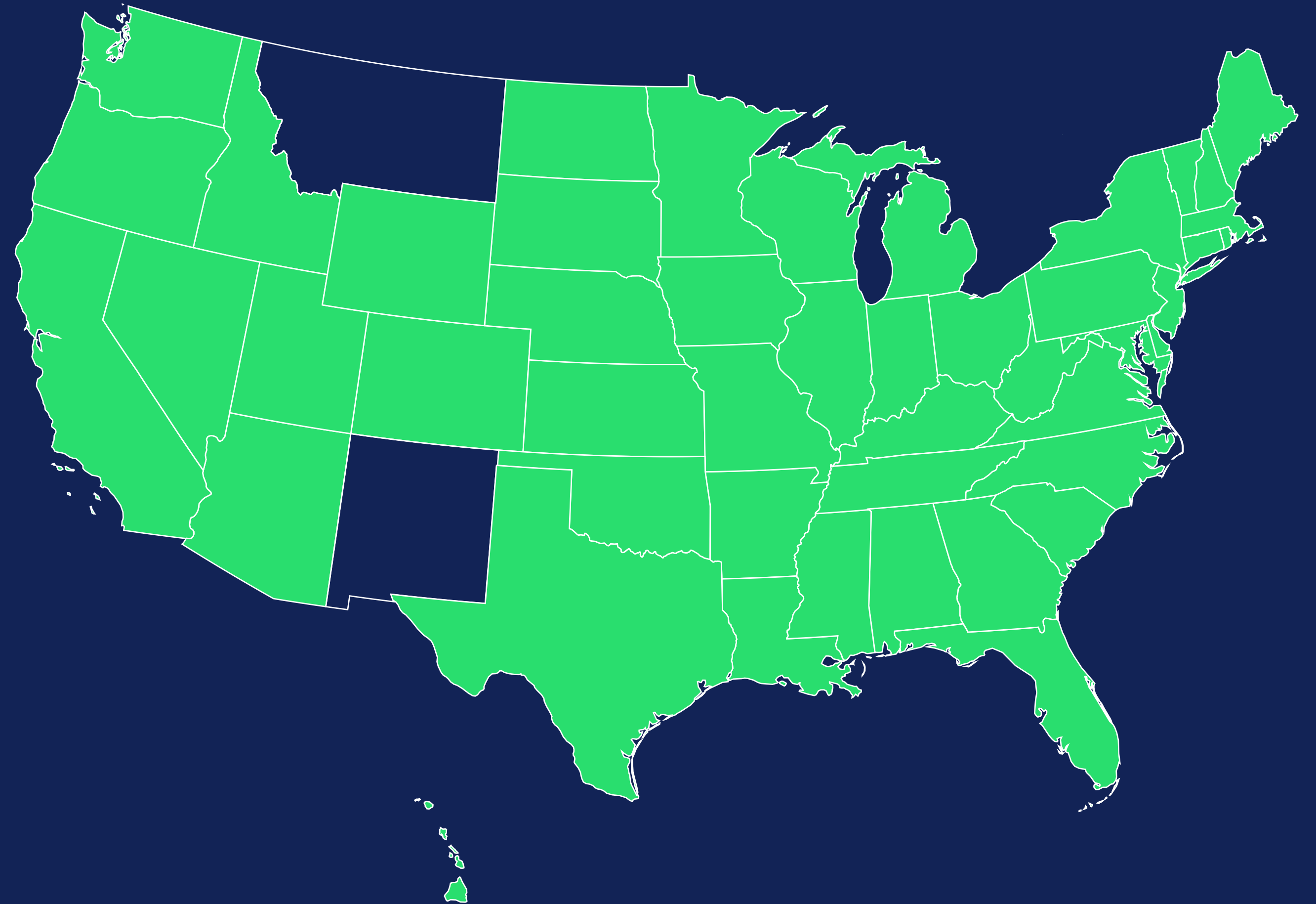


OFFICIAL EVENT VIDEO

AMERICA'S BREAKBULK COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER IN HOUSTON

U.S. States in Attendance

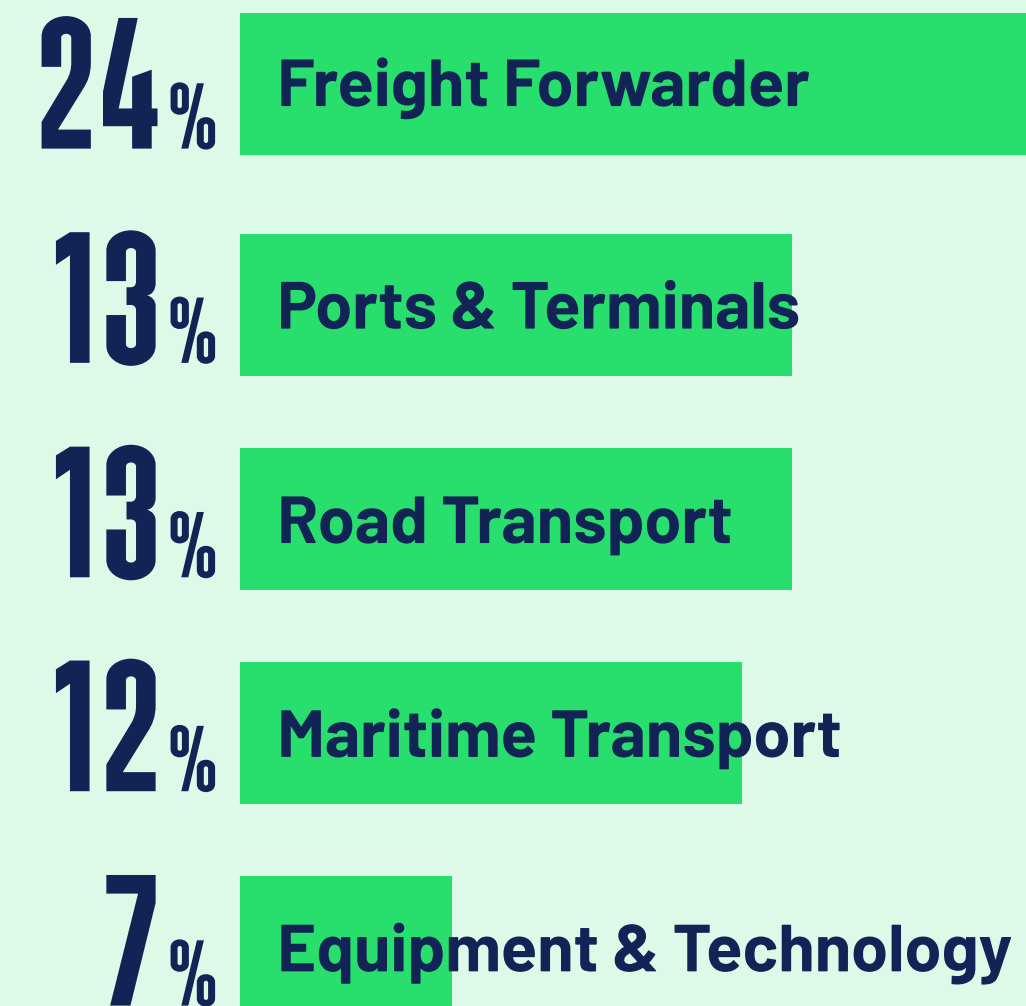
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DEEPER DIVE: WHO ATTENDED?



TOP SECTORS



TOP JOB FUNCTIONS



BUYING POWER

82%
of visitors were
involved in or influenced
purchasing decisions

SHIPPERS: THE KEY DECISION MAKERS

Breakbulk Global Shipper
Programme hosted...

523
members

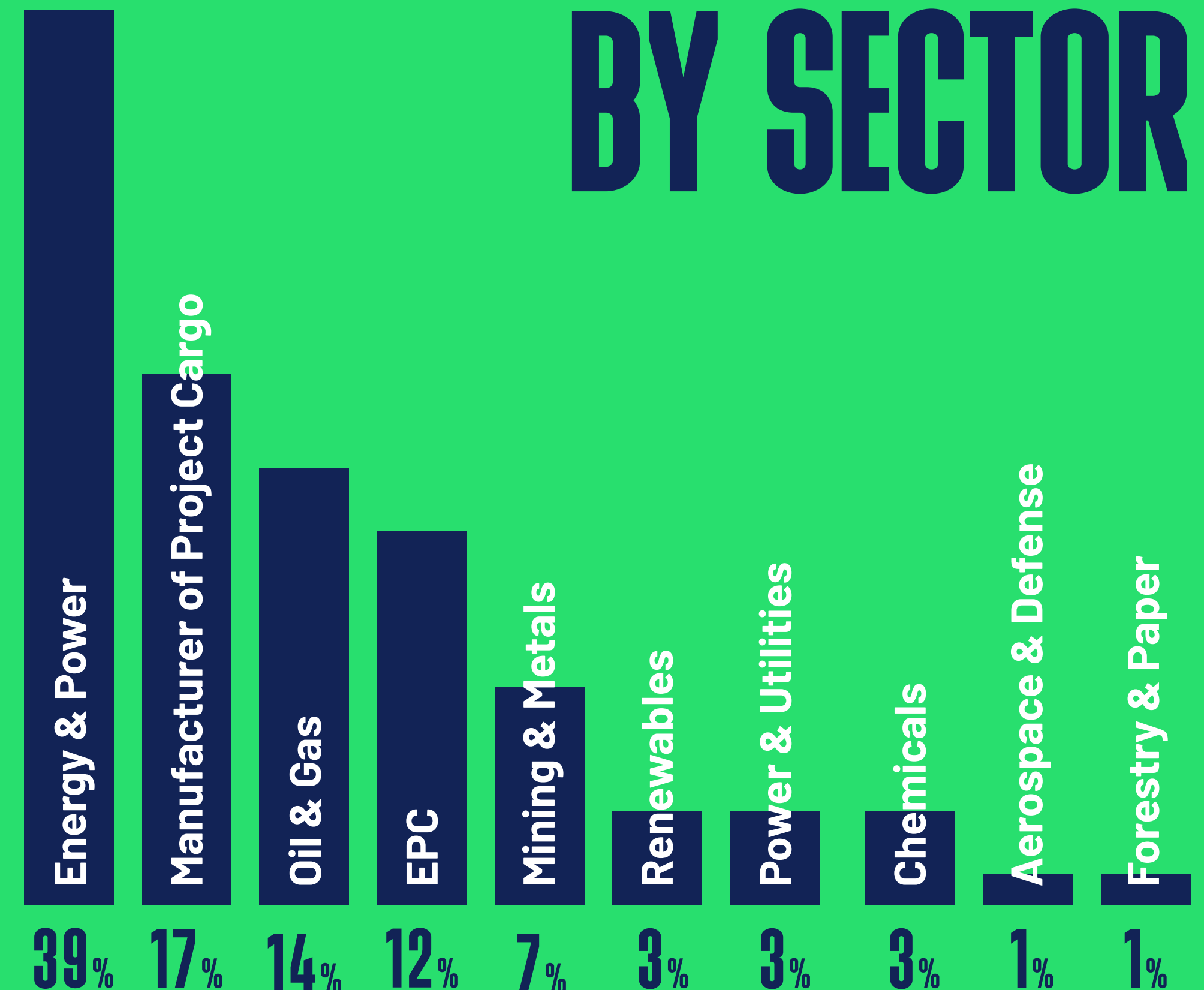
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from 2025

**SHIPPER
COMPANIES
IN
ATTENDANCE**

AIR LIQUIDE, AIR PRODUCTS, ARCELORMITTAL, ATLAS COPCO, BAKER HUGHES, BECHTEL, BLACK & VEATCH, BURNS & MCDONNELL, DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, EDF, EDP RENEWABLES, EXXONMOBIL, FLUOR, GE VERNOVA, GLENCORE, HALLIBURTON, HITACHI ENERGY, KBR, KIEWIT, LINDE ENGINEERING, MCDERMOTT, MICROSOFT, MITSUBISHI POWER, MITSUI & CO., NASA, NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES, OXY, PHILLIPS 66, QCELLS, RIO TINTO, SAIPEM, SHELL, SIEMENS ENERGY, SLB, SOLVAY, SPACEX, SUMITOMO CORPORATION, TATA STEEL, TENARIS, TOSHIBA, VESTAS, WÄRTSILÄ, WESTINGHOUSE, WOOD, WORLEY and many more...



BY SECTOR



NETWORKING BEYOND THE EXHIBITION FLOOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMIT



FUTURE THINKERS



WOMEN IN BREAKBULK BREAKFAST



NEXTWAVE 30 AWARDS



CARGO & COWBOYS: KICK OFF PARTY



DRINKS TO THE FUTURE RECEPTION



THE CONTENT STREAMS



TWO CONTENT STAGES

74

speakers

22

sessions



WORKSHOPS

3 Workshops:
Chartering
Heavy Lift
AI in Maritime & Logistics

133

workshop attendees



NEXTWAVE EDUCATION DAY

443

students & students attended

18

speakers

33

industry round table leaders



WOMEN IN BREAKBULK LOUNGE SESSIONS

116

Attendees

KEY CONTENT TAKEAWAYS

The Breakbulk Live and Breakbulk Voices stages brought together industry leaders from across the project supply chain for a series of lively and insightful panel discussions. Here are three stand-out sessions:



THE DATA CENTER CHALLENGE

Booming data center demand is straining supply chains, with labor shortages, permitting delays and complex equipment putting projects at risk. Microsoft's Kevin Smith highlighted how standardization and modular construction can help, while requiring closer coordination across transport stages.

As manufacturing and storage pressures grow, early planning, strong supplier relationships and flexible logistics will be essential to keeping projects on track.



VESSEL CAPACITY IS UNDER PRESSURE

Strong project cargo demand, shifting trade routes and port delays are stretching vessel capacity. Longer voyages mean fewer ships available for new projects, while demand from power infrastructure, semiconductor plants and data centers remains strong.

Panelists called for earlier planning, smarter use of existing fleets and creative commercial solutions. With future cargo needs and regulations uncertain, adaptability will be key to keeping projects moving.



FINDING OPPORTUNITY IN DISRUPTION

Keynote speaker Lori Ann LaRocco urged the breakbulk industry to find opportunity in supply chain disruption. Geopolitical tensions, Panama Canal constraints and changing regulations are reshaping trade while driving new infrastructure investment. Shifting alliances and trade flows are opening markets for project cargo. Her message: look beyond established routes, anticipate emerging demand and identify tomorrow's infrastructure opportunities early to stay ahead.

THE SPEAKERS EXPLORED

[VIEW ALL SPEAKERS](#)

Lori Ann LaRocco

Global Trade & Supply Chain Expert, Author & Former CNBC Global Logistics Reporter and President at LaRocco Consulting



Kelli Collins

Sr. Vice President at SRT Transportation Solutions



Thomas Damsgaard

Head of Americas at BIMCO



Utsav Mathur

Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright



Amanda Duhon

VP & Regional Director, North & Central America at Energy Industries Council (EIC)



Jonathan Cournoyer

Global Discipline Director, Logistics at Hatch



Melanie Drehkopf

CCO at dship Carriers



Sandra E. Guadarrama

Senior Project Logistics Manager at Linde Engineering Americas



Vusal Nazarov

Global Category Sr. Manager, Logistics & Distribution at Baker Hughes



Geir-Eilif Kalhagen

Maritime Division Director at the Texas Department of Transportation



Kevin Smith

Sr Director, Modularization Portfolio, Cloud Operations + Innovation at Microsoft



Kris Meyer

Director, Advanced Nuclear Market Development at Barnhart Crane & Rigging



Itoro Ibanga

Senior Project Logistics Specialist at Air Liquide



Alex Gallardo

Senior Supply Chain Manager at Chevron



Brandon Strange

International Logistics Director at Stellar Energy Americas



Andrew R. McNamara

Director of Global Logistics at ON.energy

BREAKBULK STUDIOS: INDUSTRY INTERVIEWS



What Chevron Looks for in New Hires

Alex Gallardo

Senior Supply Chain Manager, Chevron



Why Data Center Delivery Deadlines Matter

Tim Sensenig

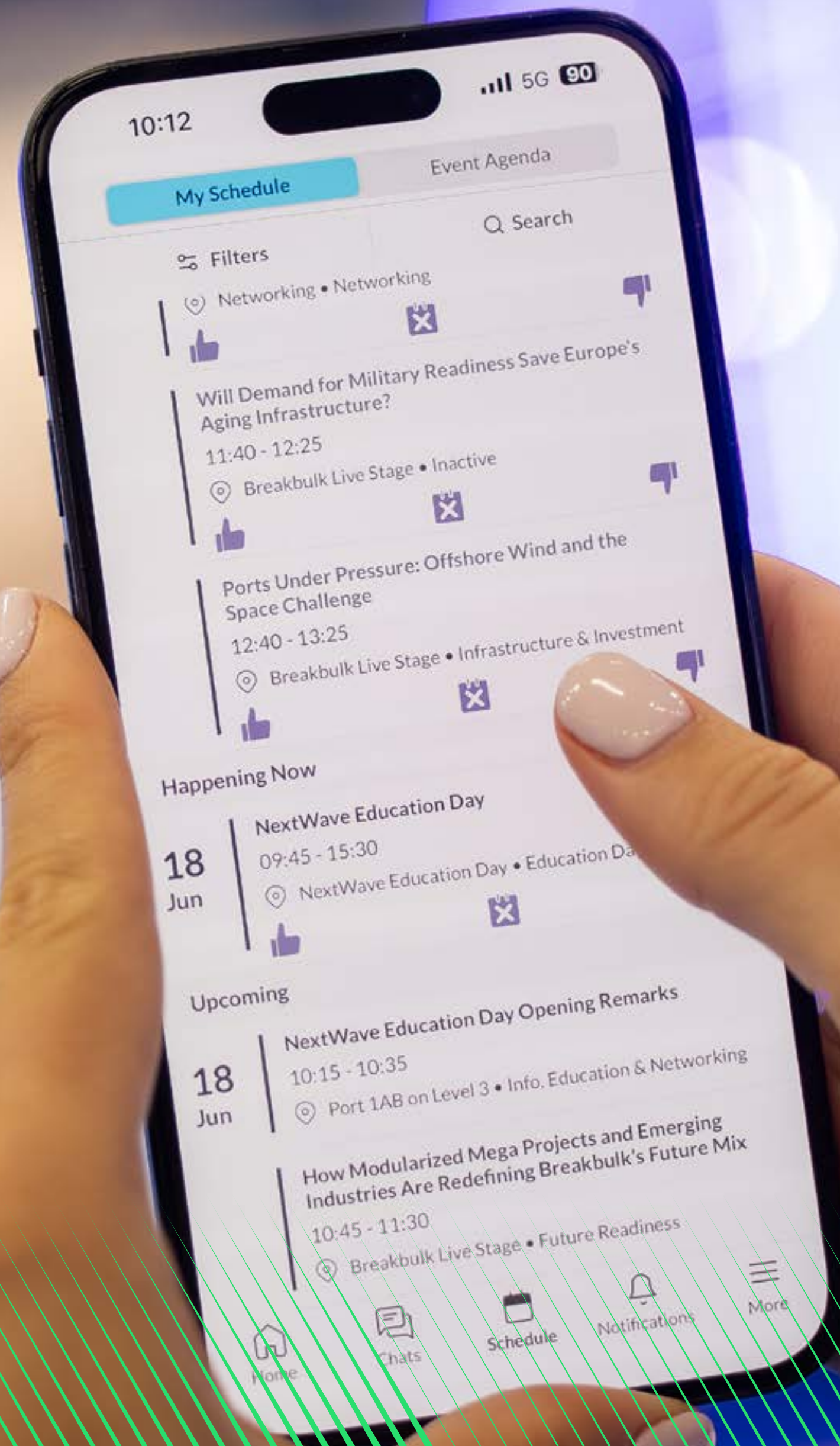
CEO of TMSfirst.ai



Siemens Energy on Why Project Cargo Planning Must Start Earlier

Myung Sook Lee

Project Logistics Operations Manager,
Siemens Energy



THE APP CONNECTING THE INDUSTRY

App Activation

3,317

Interested Actions

24,409

New connections

2,138

Accepted Meetings

384



The Breakbulk app updates for each event – no need to download a new one.

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