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# Handling variable import/export volumes in the U.S. and impact to marine infrastructure

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## World container trade – volatility!



**Source: Drewry Container Forecaster – Sep** 

The network is sensitive to many types of change – demand, bottlenecks, prices, operational execution



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### Industry Forecast Trade Growth

- 2011 imports expected at 17.2 mio teu up 4% - still down 1.3 mio teu vs 2006! 25,000 teu/week
- 2011 exports expected at 11.6 mio teu up 4.6% should exceed 2008 volumes.
- Number of services/ capacity has not changed to any extent in 5 years

#### U.S. CONTAINERIZED IMPORTS

Actual and forecast annual volume, in millions of TEUs, and year-over-percentage change.

U.S. containerized imports are forecast to increase 4 percent in 2011, amounting to 17.2 million TEUs. That's an increase of nearly 700,000 TEUs from 2010 but still 1.3 million TEUs below 2006 levels.



Source: PIERS, a division of UBM Global Trade and sister company of The Journal of Commerce, www.piers.com







### Requires vast improvement in communications

- > Significant interaction between stakeholder (capture joint knowledge)
- > Some reactiveness, some proactiveness
- > Scale benefits can they be realized?
- > Risks to the forecast
- > Finding the opportunities Customer value drivers
- > Do we design to 1) sell what we have

2) design what we can sell

- > And then...
  - During Execution Things Change
  - Collaborate with Customers/Vendors and Adapt



### Future Considerations... Value Drivers – Lowest Cost and Reliability

- > The upward trajectory of port and rail costs from the U.S. West Coast ports to the Mid-West makes this transportation unsustainable at today's ocean shipping rates.
  - > This is of most immediate concern for cargo entering the U.S. from Southern California ports.
- > If nothing changes, this international intermodal cargo will continue to shift to the East Coast and Western Canada.
  - > In today's economy, you can expect cargo to eventually follow the most economic route.
  - > The market will reward the "path of lowest cost" in the end for larger and larger amounts of cargo.
- The cost gap between moving a container from a vessel moored alongside and East Coast terminal to Chicago, Memphis or Atlanta and making the same move off the West Coast is large already
  - > The cost trends on both coasts will only increase that gap unless something changes.
  - > New ocean services through the Suez and Panama Canals take advantage of this gap
  - > Widening of the Panama Canal will accelerate the trend

#### - A "quantum drop" in rail and port costs in the West is the only way to keep growth volumes flowing through that window.



