



## Ocean Exchange Recognizes Members of Selection Review and Pitch Mentoring Teams for Their Dedication and Support

**Senior level leaders volunteer time estimated to be worth \$150,000+ to support acceleration of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the Blue Economy**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, October 13, 2022** – [Ocean Exchange](#), a leader in supporting the acceleration of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable Blue Economy, wishes to recognize the dedication and tireless work of the Selection Review and Pitch Mentoring teams for its 2022 Awards Program. These volunteers—all highly respected leaders in business, academia, engineering, and the not-for-profit community—are integral to the process that will culminate in the presentation of the prestigious Neptune, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Orcele®, Ocean Exchange Transportation Hubs, and Collegiate Awards this month. Ocean Exchange estimates that the value of their time spent in the selection and mentoring processes exceeds \$150,000 USD.

Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the Ocean Exchange 2022 Awards Program takes place October 23-25 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA.

The Selection Review Committee reviewed applications from within the list of 51 semi-finalists from around the world and chose a short list of 24 finalists. The Pitch Mentoring Team is now engaging with the finalists to help them best prepare for their presentations before a curated group of expert delegates at the event. The winner of the Collegiate Award, with prize money of \$10,000 USD, will be announced on Monday, October 24. The Neptune, Orcele and Transportation Hub Awards, each of which carries a prize of \$100,000 USD, will be conferred on Tuesday, October 25.

“These individuals play a vital role in helping finalists who are competing for what could be life-changing awards that will advance innovation and help shape the future of the Blue Economy. We greatly appreciate their generous contribution of time and dedication in supporting our mission and work. The Ocean Exchange Awards would not exist without their commitment and participation,” said Millicent Pitts, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Ocean Exchange.

Registration is now open to attend Ocean Exchange 2022, October 23-25 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The event will be held at the NOVA Southeastern University Art Museum and the Hyatt Centric in Fort Lauderdale. [Click here for the Provisional Event Schedule.](#)

**A list of the Selection Review Team members follows. [Click here for biographies.](#)**

Marc Adler	IP Attorney	Both
Susan Zellers	Ocean Exchange Program Director	Both
Anne Birch	The Nature Conservancy	Neptune
Lynette Cardoch	Moffat & Nichol	Neptune

Chris	Coyle	Consultant	Neptune
Geoff	Dean	ESRI	Neptune
Dick	Dodge	Former Dean NSU, Halmos School Arts & Science	Neptune
Jaap	Donath	Nova Southeastern University, Levan Center of Innovation	Neptune
James	Dougherty	Founder One America Works, Investor in kelp based plastic co and RENEnergy	Neptune
Laetitia	Gombaud-Saintonge	Swen Capital	Neptune
Mairead	Helmes	Amane Advisors	Neptune
Skelly	Holmbeck	Water Resource Assoc Delaware River Basin	Neptune
Chris	Mackin	Ocean Exchange Board Member	Neptune
Justin	Manley	Just Innovation	Neptune
Deb	Mosca	Chief Life Sci Offer XCMR, former CEO Marine Bio Tech Center of Innovation	Neptune
Jennifer	Nyfenegger	Carollo Engineers	Neptune
Scott	Rohrbaugh	Consultant	Neptune
Cathy	Sakas	Ocean Exchange Co-Founder	Neptune
Eric	Siegel	Creative Destruction Labs	Neptune
Cathy	Trinkle	BASF	Neptune
Wendy	Warner	Materials Executive	Neptune
Adrian	Weiler	Inform Consulting (AI) and board Smart Freight Center	Neptune
Curtis	Zimmermann	ForgeNano	Neptune
Adil	Ashiq	Marine Traffic	Orcelle/Ports
Ann	Carpenter	Braid Theory	Orcelle/Ports
Mark	Carpenter	Oceaneering	Orcelle/Ports
Rick	Claar	Market Research and Strategic Consulting	Orcelle/Ports
Chris	Clott	Former SUNY Maritime, Now Lamar Univ Marine Center	Orcelle/Ports
Sarah	Deslauriers	Carollo Engineering	Orcelle/Ports
Ulla	Keino	SeaFocus	Orcelle/Ports
Tom	Pavilon	Consultant	Orcelle/Ports
Roger	Strevens	Wallenius Wilhelmsen	Orcelle/Ports
TJ	Tate	National Marine Sanctuary Foundation	Orcelle/Ports
Jason	Thompson	Ocean Kind	Orcelle/Ports
Anshul	Tuteja	Royal Caribbean	Orcelle/Ports

**Following is the list of Finalist Presentation Mentors:**

- Team Leaders: Ann Lee Carpenter (Neptune, Orcelle and Transportation Hubs Awards) and Ulla Keino (Collegiate Award)
- Jim Cooper
- Jessica Acosta
- Scott Rohrbaugh
- Deb Mosca

### VIP Panel for the Collegiate Award pitch event:

Name	Company	Role
Kelly Carnes	TechVision21	President & CEO
Liesl Hotaling	Eidos Education	President
Donna Kocak	L3 Harris Technologies	Fellow
Mike Egan	Atargis Energy Corporation	Board Member / Advisor
Irene Rosberg	Copenhagen Business School	Programme Director, Executive MBA in Shipping and Logistics
Ulla Keino	SeaFocus	CEO, President, Head of Management Consulting
Markku Mylly	SeaFocus	Senior VP

### ***About Ocean Exchange***

Ocean Exchange is a global ecosystem whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy. A 501(c)(3), Ocean Exchange fulfills this mission through a rigorous, multi-level program that includes annual monetary awards, promoting registered Solutions Inspiring Action across multiple communication channels, and facilitating access to the global network comprising its Board of Directors, Delegates, Solutions Review Team, Executive Team and other experts from around the world. Ocean Exchange's mission is funded by private donations including those from Wallenius Wilhelmsen, Royal Caribbean, Schmidt Marine Technology Partners, Oceankind, Marine Research Hub of South Florida, Oceaneering, Angus Littlejohn, Jr. Family, and others who share the passion for healthy oceans. To learn more, visit [Oceanexchange.org](http://Oceanexchange.org).

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