Patrick Allen
Chief Operating Officer and Interim General Manager, McCormick Place

Patrick Allen, a Chicago native, currently serves as Chief Operating Officer and Interim General Manager of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA), owner of McCormick Place, Wintrust Arena, Arie Crown Theatre, Marriott Marquis Chicago and Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

Since joining MPEA in 1989, he has held numerous leadership roles, guiding the organization through decades of growth and transformation.

Pat Allen brings over 35 years of industry experience, including more than 30 years in leadership positions at MPEA. He has overseen major construction projects, advanced energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives, and implemented policies that prioritize safety. He is committed to identifying cost-saving opportunities for customers and streamlining business processes to enhance efficiency.

With more than 20 years of experience in union negotiations, collective bargaining, and labor law compliance, Allen has earned a reputation for forging sustainable agreements that align organizational objectives with employee well-being. His commitment to ethical leadership and operational excellence has made him a trusted advisor within the industry.

Recognized as a highly respected and influential leader, Patrick Allen continues to shape MPEA's success and uphold its reputation as an industry leader.