

Michael P. Huerta

Michael Huerta recently completed his term as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He served a total of seven and a half years at the FAA and was the longest tenured Administrator in the agency's history. He joined the agency in 2010 as Deputy Administrator and served as Acting Administrator before being confirmed by the Senate as Administrator in January 2013. He currently is a Senior Advisor to Macquarie Capital.

During his FAA tenure, Huerta redefined the FAA's regulatory relationship with the aviation industry to achieve greater levels of safety through increased collaboration and widespread sharing of data. He led the agency's efforts to modernize the nation's air traffic control system through the NextGen program while preparing the way for the safe integration of commercial space operations and small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). He is also well known for eliminating the decades old ban on the use of portable electronic devices aboard airplanes during takeoff and landing, making it possible to use many devices from gate to gate.

Before joining the FAA, Huerta was Executive Vice President and Group President, Transportation Solutions, of Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS). ACS, now Conduent, is a technology services provider supporting transportation agencies worldwide. He led the transportation solutions group for seven years during which it achieved double-digit growth, broadened its reach into Europe, the Middle East and Asia, and expanded its service offerings to support many modes of transportation.

Prior to joining ACS, Huerta was a Managing Director for Transportation at the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002. He played a key role in the planning and development of a variety of Olympic transportation facilities, as well as the development of a highly successful travel demand management system that ensured the transportation system operated safely and efficiently.

He also has served in executive positions at the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Port of San Francisco and the New York City Department of Ports, International Trade and Commerce.

Huerta holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Riverside and a master's in public affairs with a concentration in international relations from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a former Chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America.