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Ports - the Silent Engine

Seattle/Tacoma (2013)

48,000 Jobs

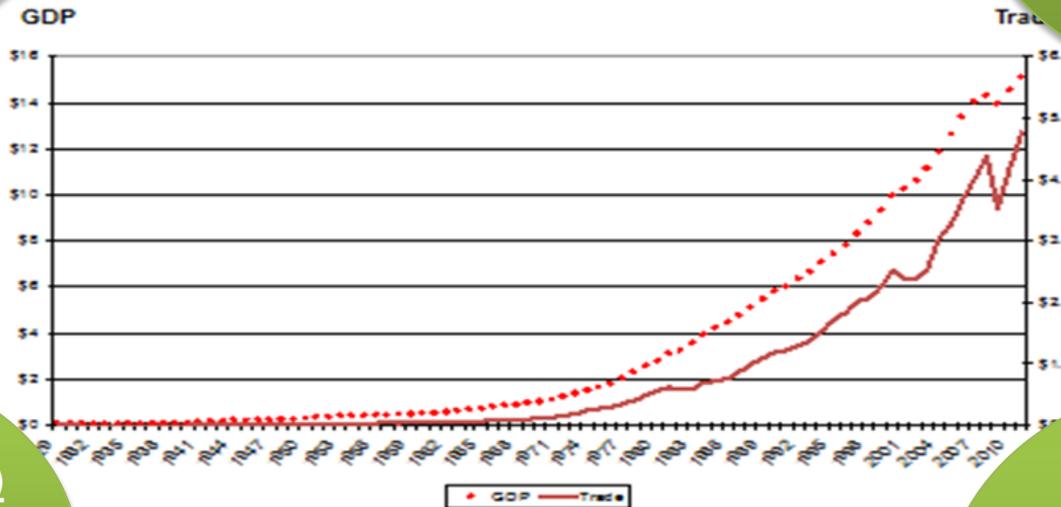
\$4.3B Economic Impact

Baltimore (2011)

40,000 Jobs

\$5.7B Economic Impact

U.S. Trade and Gross Domestic Product
1929-2011 (\$ trillions)



Source: U.S. Maritime Administration processing of Bureau of Economic Analysis data.

Houston (2012)

1,026,820 Jobs

\$178B Economic Impact

Savannah (2011)

352,146 Jobs

\$120B Economic Impact



StrongPorts is designed to deliver assistance to all U.S. ports and their communities. The StrongPorts framework provides initiatives and activities aligned with the three phases of project development – **Planning and Engagement, Finance and Project Support**. Program participation is voluntary.



Planning and Engagement

The Maritime Administration is encouraging ports to develop investment-grade plans detailing the transportation system benefits, economic opportunities and positive environmental impacts of the projects to the ports and their greater communities. StrongPorts Program services to assist in these planning efforts include:

- PortTalk Collaborations
- Port Planning & Investment Toolkit
- Innovative Environmental Solutions
- Delivery of Federal services
- Stakeholder outreach



U.S. maritime ports are critical links in the U.S. domestic and international trade supply-chain, serving as the hubs where cargoes are transferred between ocean going vessels, barges, trucks, trains and pipelines. The StrongPorts Program supports efforts to improve infrastructure in ports and intermodal connectors throughout the United States and ensure they are capable of meeting our future freight transportation needs.



Finance

Many port modernization projects require multi-source financing that may include port, Federal, State, local and private funding. In addition to overseeing the port-related TIGER Grants, the Maritime Administration can help ports identify funding sources.

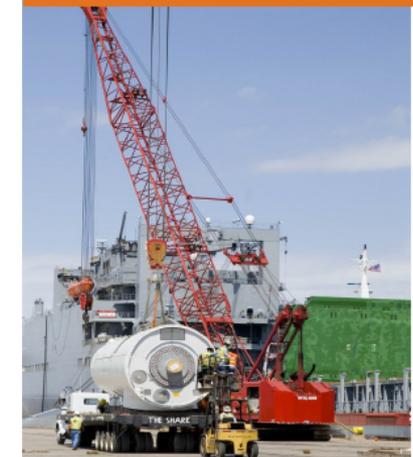
Services include:

- Port Infrastructure Fund
- Port Conveyance Program
- Identifying Federal, State and local funding sources



Project Support

Many port modernization projects require the participation of numerous stakeholders from Federal, State and local governments alongside the private sector. Projects often involve activities requiring collaboration among multiple government agencies to address environmental review, risk mitigation and permitting. In some cases, the Maritime Administration can use its unique authority relating to the improvement of port facilities to help resolve, simplify or overcome these complex challenges.





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