



Name: The Southwestern Regional Intermodal Freight Transportation Hub

Location: Granite City, Madison & Venice, IL

Sponsor: Tri-City Regional Port District

Total Cost: \$20,789,550

TIGER Funding: \$6,000,000

Project Description:

The project involves the construction of a public harbor on the Mississippi River which will be used for barge loading and unloading. The primary products to be moved are liquid and dry bulk products which will interface with associated rail and truck connections. The project will allow the Tri-City Regional Port District to expand barge, rail and truck transportation systems in the region and allow shippers, including Midwest agricultural shippers, to move goods down the Mississippi River from Illinois to the Gulf of Mexico without the use of a lock.

Highlights:

- ❑ Expands the export trade for U.S. agricultural products by enhancing the movement of agricultural products down the Mississippi River
- ❑ Provides substantial efficiencies and better service for Midwest shippers by combining barge, rail and truck facilities at one location
- ❑ Creates the northernmost ice-free port on the Mississippi River south of the U.S. system of river locks

Project Benefits:

The project will contribute to the economic competitiveness of the United States by reducing congestion on the Mississippi River and by providing new efficiencies and savings for Midwest shippers moving freight down the Mississippi River. Barge transportation is a low cost, fuel efficient alternative that helps reduce costs for shippers and makes their products more competitive. The project is consistent with efforts to maintain transportation facilities in a state of good repair. Improvements to the inland waterway network also encourage waterborne shipping, which is an energy efficient and environmentally friendly transportation option.



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