

M-55/M-35 Container on Barge Project

Sponsor: *America's Central Port, Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals Association, Mississippi Rivers Cities and Towns Initiative, Lake Providence Port Commission; Natchitoches Parish Port Commission, Port of Memphis, Port of Milwaukee, Port of New Orleans, Rosedale Bolivar Port Authority, St. Louis Port Authority, City of New Orleans Business Alliance, City of Natchez, City of Dubuque, City of Hickman, City of La Crosse, City of Clinton, City of Vidalia, City of Memphis, City of Saint Louis, City of Grafton and Madison County Community Development*

Corridor: *M-55 and M-35 Marine Highway Corridors*

Project Snapshot: This project is a container-on-barge service from New Orleans to Chicago with scheduled stops along the proposed route in Memphis and St. Louis and subsequent routes to and from ports along the M-55 and M-35 Marine Highway Routes. Over three million residents populate this marine highway route, with some of these areas being located in rural and impoverished locations. This project has the ability to revitalize some of these areas and recreate the strong heritage of river transportation. In addition, this project provides quantified estimates of the public benefits generated from congestion reduction, emission reductions, energy savings and landside infrastructure maintenance savings.

Attributes: This project's sponsors are comprised of entities located in all 10 states that border the Mississippi River. This project is unique in that it has support from a broad spectrum of public and private stakeholders including State DOTs, local metropolitan planning organizations, vessel operators, ports and terminals, local governments, and shippers. The regional collaboration supporting this project will support initiatives to attract investment, provide modal choice, grow jobs and move to sustainable economies.