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Illinois International Port District
Supports \$820.4 Million in Economic Activity, Over 6,381 Jobs

Washington, DC (August 23, 2018) – The Great Lakes Seaway Partnership announces the release of *Economic Impacts of the Port of Chicago*, a report documenting the many contributions made by the Illinois International Port District (IIPD) and Great Lakes Seaway Shipping to the City of Chicago, Cook County, State of Illinois and Great Lakes region.

The study reports that in 2017 the IIPD and maritime commerce supported:

- 6,381 jobs
- \$820.4 million in economic activity
- \$514.8 million in personal income and local consumption expenditures
- \$192.6 million in federal and state tax revenue

“The Illinois International Port District handles more general cargo than any other port on the Great Lakes, with an annual total tonnage of over 19 million tons, maintaining Chicago’s place among the top 36 ports in the nation. This report focuses on the significant economic impact that the greatest multimodal facility in North America has on the Great Lakes region,” says Clayton Harris III, Executive Director, Illinois International Port District. “Further, this data proves that multimodal commerce is vital for a prosperous economy and the Port District is an essential economic engine and catalyst for job creation in Chicagoland and beyond. The Port of Chicago truly brings the world markets to Chicago’s doorstep and Chicago’s products to the world.”

The study reflects the important contributions the Illinois International Port District provides to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region,” says Steven A. Fisher, Executive Director of the American Great Lakes Ports Association. “The jobs supported by the maritime industry include not only those located directly on the waterfront – shipyard workers, stevedores, vessel operators, terminal employees, truck drivers and marine pilots – but also grain farmers, construction works, miners and steelworkers. Many of these jobs would vanish if not for a dynamic maritime industry.”



The *Economic Impacts of Port of Chicago* full report can be downloaded at www.greatlakesseaway.org/economy or www.iipd.com

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The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Navigation System

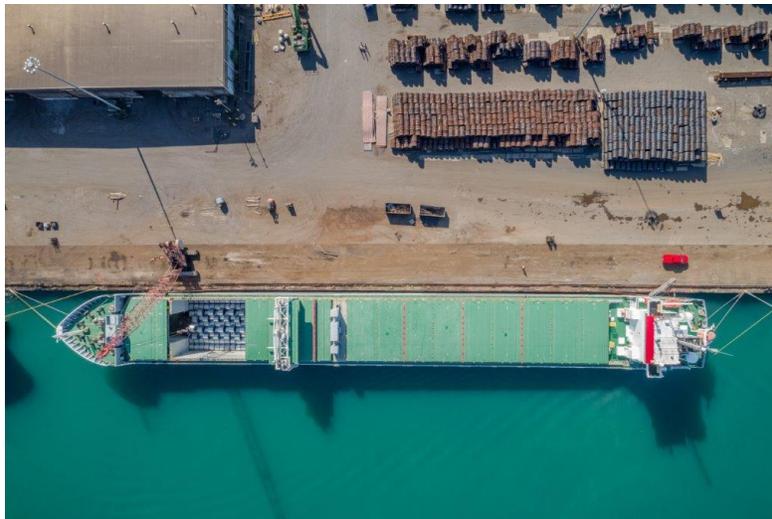
Economic Impacts of the Port of Monroe is a companion report to the broader *Great Lakes-St. Lawrence study* titled *Economic Impacts of Maritime Shipping in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region*, a year-long study of the economic impacts of the entire Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway navigation system.

The study reports that in 2017 in Illinois, maritime commerce supported:

- 6,476 jobs
- \$830.9 million in economic activity
- 10.2 million metric tons of cargo handled
- \$521.9 million in personal income and local consumption expenditures
- \$202.7 million in federal, state & local taxes

The study reports that in 2017 in the United States and Canada, maritime commerce supported:

- 237,868 jobs
- \$35 billion in economic activity
- \$14.2 billion in personal income and local consumption expenditures
- \$6.6 billion in federal, state/provincial and local tax revenue



The *Economic Impacts of Maritime Shipping in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region* Executive Summary and full report can be downloaded at www.greatlakesseaway.org/economy.

** The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System includes impacts of domestic and international cargo that has travelled at some point through the Great Lakes, its connecting rivers and the St. Lawrence Seaway (ending at St. Lambert Lock in Montreal). It excludes Quebec commerce that moves exclusively between Canadian ports on the lower St. Lawrence River, as well as commerce between these Canadian lower St. Lawrence River ports and overseas ports.*

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About the Illinois International Port District

The Illinois International Port District is a world-class port focused on generating and expanding economic activity and employment for the benefit of the City of Chicago and State of Illinois. Through the operation of its modern, strategically-driven, multimodal facility on Lake Michigan in Chicago, Illinois. The Port is committed supporting the community in an environmentally responsible way and improving awareness, understanding and engagement with the surrounding communities and other government agencies.

Approximately 16 million tons of cargo (Steel, liquid bulk, grain, stone, cement, salt) travels over the System on an annual basis, supporting more than 6,381 jobs and \$479.5 million in economic activity.

For more information, please visit www.iipd.com

About the Great Lakes Seaway Partnership

The Great Lakes Seaway Partnership is a coalition of leading US and Canadian maritime organizations working to enhance public understanding of the benefits of commercial shipping in the Great Lakes Seaway region of North America. The organization manages an education-focused communications program, sponsors research and works closely with media, policy makers, community groups, allied industries, environmental stakeholders and the general public to highlight the positive attributes of marine transportation.

For more information, please visit <http://www.greatlakesseaway.org>.

About the Economic Impacts Study

The *Economic Impacts of Maritime Shipping in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region*, which uses 2017 data, was conducted by economic consultants Martin Associates of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a global leader in transportation economic analysis and strategic planning. Martin Associates was retained to perform this analysis by a coalition of U.S. and Canadian Great Lakes and St. Lawrence marine industry stakeholders, including: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, the American Great Lakes Ports Association, the Chamber of Marine Commerce, the Lake Carriers Association, and the Shipping Federation of Canada. The analysis was developed from comprehensive interviews with more than 750 individual firms with 1,105 operations throughout the region. The report provides the navigation community, transportation planners, government policy makers and the general public with an assessment of the economic impacts of the entire Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway navigation system.

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