

# Heartland Intermodal Partnership



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# Heartland Intermodal Partnership (HIP)



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# *Why HIP?*

- ❖ Central U.S. perceives itself as being landlocked
- ❖ Focus continues to remain on truck and rail solutions to freight capacity problems
- ❖ These assets alone cannot handle the ever increasing volume of freight
- ❖ Maritime will help to mitigate the crisis



# *Well Positioned*

Connection of Great Lakes and Gulf via the  
Mississippi River System





# *Vision*

To expedite safe and secure freight movements, reduce congestion and advocate increased use of the Heartland's intermodal and water resources as strategies for coping with demands on the region's transportation system.



# *Mission*

To support the competitiveness of Heartland Region business, industry, and labor in world markets through improved intermodal transportation



# Goals *continued*

- ❖ Showcase
- ❖ Resource
- ❖ Educate
- ❖ Cooperate



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# *Objectives - Immediate*

- ❖ Forge a 24-state coalition of private industries; port authorities; trade organizations; State DOTs; water, rail, and truck interests; and Federal agencies
- ❖ Establish an Executive Committee comprised of these interests to achieve professional, geographic and modal diversity.



# *Objectives - Intermediate*

- ❖ Marketing
- ❖ State DOT's
- ❖ Outreach





# *Objectives - Long-Term*

- ❖ Recognition of waterways
- ❖ Increase waterborne traffic
- ❖ Decrease freight movement congestion



# *Result of Executive Committee Meetings*



- Established a Work Plan
- Categories
  - ✓ Administration
  - ✓ Membership
  - ✓ Funding
  - ✓ Research & Development

*Provided by the Port of Baton Rouge*



# *HEARTLAND INTERMODAL PARTNERSHIP*

Web site:

[www.marad.dot.gov/programs/HIP.html](http://www.marad.dot.gov/programs/HIP.html)

