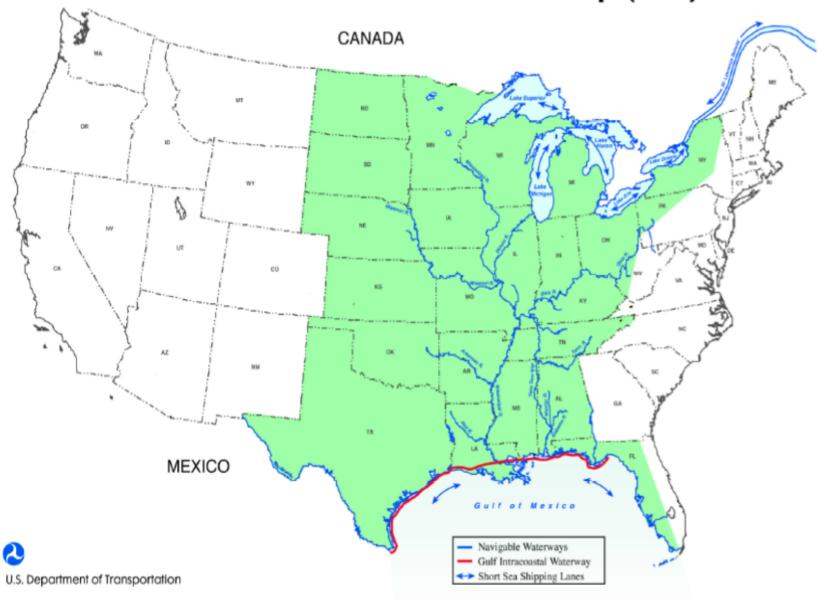
Heartland Intermodal Partnership



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Heartland Intermodal Partnership (HIP)



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



Courtesy of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers



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



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Web site:

www.marad.dot.gov/programs/HIP.html

