



WINTER NEWSLETTER



Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals, Inc.

Winter 2019

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

As the end of 2019 quickly approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire IRPT membership, our IRPT board members and Aimee Andres, IRPT’s Executive Director, for everything you have contributed to help this organization grow over the past year. As a matter of fact, we have great plans for the upcoming year and the future so that we can effectively address the growing pains our organization is experiencing as we carry your message to policy makers at our Nation’s Capital. Stay tuned for some exciting news!

In November a group of IRPT board members traveled to DC to convey your message for the need for funding programs for landside infrastructure at public ports **and** private terminals on the inland river system. We represented many locations along the inland river system promoting IRPT’s Inland Port and Terminal Grant Program Proposal as one cohesive group. We hosted roundtable discussions with the Institute of Water Resources about tonnage reporting, with the Maritime Administration about infrastructure funding for inland ports, and we discussed the need for a holistic river system and how IRPT may be able to contribute to the cause with Major General Richard Kaiser, Deputy Chief of Engineers and Deputy Commanding General of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

I have mentioned in the past the importance of friendships made through this river family known as IRPT. Our trip to DC was yet another example of new and old friends working together for the benefit of all with much enthusiasm. As we continue to move forward next year, we must remember that we are powerful working together combining all interests.

May each of you have a very blessed holiday season!

Cindy Cutrera
IRPT 2018-2020 President
Port of Morgan City, LA

Our Strength Continues to Grow

Total number of members

2019-2020: 281
2018-20189 269
2016-2017: 266

Per Basin:

Arkansas-White-Red-Ouachita Rivers: 13
Gulf & Gulf Intracoastal Waterways: 14
Southeast Rivers: 9
Illinois River: 30
Upper Mississippi River: 31
Lower Mississippi River: 46
Missouri River: 22
Ohio River: 37
International/Multi-State: 79

Welcome New Members Since September 2019



Continental Cement company has two manufacturing facilities in Davenport, Iowa and Hannibal, Missouri and nine distribution terminals along the Mississippi River between Minneapolis, Minnesota and New Orleans, Louisiana.

At Continental, cement is their business. They are proud producers of high quality cement that has been used in many iconic construction projects, like the Empire State Building and the Panama Canal. More recently, the Minnesota Vikings' new football stadium and the St. Louis Cardinals' newest baseball stadium.

In addition to high-quality products, Continental Cement provides customers with superior service. Market managers understand that each construction project, large or small is unique. Awarded "Best for Vets 2019", each Continental Cement market manager is committed to getting to know their customers personally, learning about their individual business and their business needs.

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MISSISSIPPI EXPORT RAILROAD

Mississippi Export Railroad is a transportation service company, providing freight rail service between Pascagoula and Evanston, MS and extending to Jackson, MS and Mobile, AL.

With connections to seven railroads, 4 Class 1 connections, MSE also offers a complete range of rail related services including end to end logistics planning, industrial switching, transloading, warehousing, railcar storage, tank car cleaning and repair, locomotive sites, build to suite warehousing services, and financing. In addition, MSE also offers shovel ready industrial sites, build to suite warehousing services, and financing.

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SOUTHERN TOWING COMPANY

Southern Towing Company is a leading inland tank barge operator, specializing in transporting bulk liquid fertilizer products throughout the Mississippi River System and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. They operate the largest fleet of anhydrous ammonia barges in the United States. In addition to their fertilizer expertise, they provide towing services for several other commodities including refined petroleum, chemicals, coal, grain, and aggregates.

Southern Towing Company sets high standards for their equipment and more importantly, for their crews and shore side staff to ensure safe and timely transportation service. Southern Towing Company is committed to providing your company with safe and prompt delivery. If you would like to know more about their business, please contact them directly by phone during business hours Monday – Friday at 901-386-2644.

Buffers USA manufactures & sells over 6,500 intermodal parts related to shipping and securement, including cargo control and hardware for marine/ro-ro lashing, containers (land/sea), land shipping (chassis, trailers, double-stack rail, ISO Flatrack) and moisture control/desiccants to dealers across the United States, as well as overseas. With locations in Jacksonville, FL, Detroit, MI, Houston, TX and Los Angeles, CA, or whether traveling by sea, over land or on rail, Buffers USA has the parts you need.



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Being the world's leading expert in dome construction, process, design and installation of mechanical systems, every element is planned with seamless results and a highly efficient system. From start to finish, they employ a design-build method for the entire project, offering support in innovative ways. Over decades, Dome Technology has built strong relationships with industry partners who have proven track records in their own areas of expertise.

Dome Technology is ready to answer any questions you may have and they would be glad to discuss how they can make your next project more successful with their unmatched building technology and experience. Contact them today at (208) 529-0833 and visit dometechnology.com

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Situated at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, the Mississippi County Port allows easy access to an infinite variety of raw materials and a cost-effective means of delivering finished products. Also, the port's mid America location allows overnight truck delivery to 50 percent of the nation's population.

The Mississippi County Port Authority holds long-term leases (99 years) on 200 acres of developable land approximately four river miles downstream from the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi River with approximately 180 acres protected by the frontline levee system.

Currently, fleeting space is available and can accommodate more than 1,000 barges in the vicinity of the port site. Harbor tug boats, marine repair facilities and 24-hour dispatch services are available at the port site itself. Midstream fueling and commissary services are nearby.

For more information on the opportunities available at Mississippi County Port, contact them <http://www.misscomo.net/portauthority.html>

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Tidewater Logistics is a leading provider of frac sand supply chain solutions, delivering procurement, transloading, last mile and wellsite operations services to E&P, Pressure Pumping and Sand Mining customers. Tidewater Logistics' supply chain professionals offer complete solutions for frac sand operations, leveraging

the Company's owned and operated transload network, and its proprietary cloud-based supply chain management infrastructure with market leading scheduling, tracking, reporting and control capabilities. The Company strives to simplify the challenge of managing sand, while eliminating excess cost and non-performing time for its customers. The Company delivers both discrete services as well as its integrated End-to-End Sand Supply Chain Management outsourced solution, in which Tidewater Logistics delivers optimized alignment, real time visibility and consolidated invoicing across all frac sand activities.

Tidewater River Rail Terminal, situated on the Upper Ohio River, offers 117 acres for development, and 375,000 square feet of warehouse and storage space and over 16 miles of track with dual class 1 service and unit train or manifest access from both the NS and WLE railroads.

Please visit tidewater-logistics.com to learn more about their services and locations.



TransPort 360 is a multi-facet storage and shipping facility strategically positioned between the Missouri River, UP and BNSF Rail Lines and Inter-States 36 and 29 in northwest Missouri. Their mission is to economically and efficiently trans-load large freight

shipments via truck, rail and barge in a timely manner expediting their movement domestically and internationally supporting the commerce trade of our customers.

TransPort 360 operates in the St Joseph River Port. The Port offers available acreage for development with full utilities and incentive packages for economic development through the St. Joseph's Economic Development partnership.

Situations just north of Kansas City and only 2 hours south of Omaha, St. Joseph, Missouri lies within 500 miles of 43 percent of the U.S. population and 44 percent of the U.S. manufacturing establishments.

Please visit <https://transport360.org/> for more information.

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DUST CONTROL AND LOADING SYSTEMS INC.

DCL has experience in designing the best loadout for your port or terminal. With references in many transloading facilities, our experience lets you partner with a trusted professional. Whether you're loading grains, minerals, or aggregates DCL has the experience needed.

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Sales representative offices are located across North America and every facility has a responsibility to the environment, which is why DCL helps companies meet or exceed local, state and federal emission standards. Request a quote for a new system or replacement part by visiting www.dclinc.com

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YEAR**



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With a product line, of nearly 200 finished products, consisting of radars, fish finders, GPS chart plotters, autopilots, GMDSS, sonars, ECDIS, radios and more. FURUNO sells their products to a tech dealer network of more than 300 dealers in North America and their products are supported worldwide through the worldwide service network. Known worldwide for the durability and reliability of their products., all products are built to commercial grade specifications, allowing them to last longer than most consumer electronics.

Just in time for the Fall boat shows, it's the TZ -Money Rebate Event! Save thousands on new electronics for your dash thru February 2020 by visiting <https://furunousa.com/en/company/rebates>

Member News

October 8, 2019: Marine Log (full link below)

Three Public Ports in the St. Louis region are making infrastructure investments:

Here's a look at the specific investments being made within each of the individual ports:

Port of St. Louis (Missouri) – The Port of St. Louis Municipal River Terminal is finishing up a \$1.5 million project that is Phase 1 of a rail upgrade to replace a rail spur linking to the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) and all Class I Railroads. They are now in design for the \$2.2 million Phase 2 of the rail upgrade using FY2020 grant funds from the Missouri Department of Transportation, with completion expected in June 2020.

America's Central Port (Granite City, Ill.) – In December 2018, through a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), America's Central Port (ACP) completed construction of a new, \$1 million project to add a 1,500-foot rail spur to serve a prime 60-acre development-ready lot on port property. That project has already generated a 10-acre lease for transloading, with the potential for construction of a new manufacturing and distribution building. ACP also has received multiple grants for four additional projects, one of which started this summer. Among those are surface improvements at the Granite City Harbor Dock, which is estimated at almost \$1.37 million and is funded through a freight grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The project will make the last mile transloading process more efficient at this particular harbor. This project has already spurred about \$2.5 million in private investment for related infrastructure and equipment upgrades. EDA grant funding also is supporting renovations to two buildings on the Port's property to convert both for use as manufacturing space. The fourth project, funded by IDOT and scheduled to begin in summer 2020, is a new \$2 million right-in/right-out highway entrance to the port for trucks entering and leaving the property.

Kaskaskia Regional Port District – Several projects of note are underway at the various facilities in the Kaskaskia Regional Port District (KRPD). The Port has submitted a BUILD grant for \$9.5 million to expand terminal at KRPD #1. This capital improvement will consist of a second loop track, a dump pit, two outbound conveyors, siding and other track upgrades. The expansion will allow the port to ship fly ash and gypsum outbound. A Delta Regional Authority Grant for \$140,000 has been awarded to replace the Port District Railroad crossing on IL Rt. 154 at its KRPD #2 terminal. The port just finished installing a new bridge on its rail line to replace a large culvert that was close to failing. KRPD also has entered into an agreement with IDOT to develop a Master Plan for KRPD #2, where tenant Kaskaskia Shipyard just completed building its third towboat as it grows its operations. This master plan is designed to reduce congestion at the port and calls for a third dock to be built on eight additional acres.

<https://www.marinelog.com/coastal/inland/st-louis-region-ports-make-major-infrastructure-investments/>

Member News

Madison Parish Port Announces Infrastructure Expansion

Madison Parish Port (Louisiana) – Recently, Gov. John Bel Edwards highlighted an agreement between Louisiana Economic Development and the Madison Parish Port to expand port infrastructure in support of future economic development. With investments of \$3.6 million by LED, \$500,000 by the port and \$4 million by Complex Chemical, the port’s anchor tenant, the \$8.1 million project will provide for the installation of an 8-inch natural gas pipeline to serve port facilities along the Mississippi River.

Complex Chemical originally planned to invest in a 4-inch natural gas line for the exclusive use of its plant. With LED and the port investing in the project, a larger pipeline became feasible and will provide increased capacity that could serve additional tenants at the port.

Located near Tallulah, the Madison Parish Port is a leading port along the more than 500-mile section of the Mississippi River between Baton Rouge and Memphis, Tennessee. It handles about 750,000 tons of cargo annually, including aggregates, lime, dry and liquid fertilizer, cottonseed, grain and steel.

“This project has taken a lot of work by the port, Louisiana Economic Development and others, and we are glad to see it taking shape,” Madison Parish Port Commission Executive Director Terry Murphy said. “This will help Complex Chemical, which has been expanding and adding employees here. It also will open up additional opportunities for the port to attract other tenants, including chemical plants or other industries.”

MarineLog (full link below)

SCF Announces Container on Barge Rates

SCF Marine Inc. a subsidiary of SEACOR Holdings Inc. announced rates for its container on barge (COB) logistics service. Operated by SEACOR AMH (“AMH”), the service provides customers with containerized cargo movements of imports and exports through New Orleans, Louisiana and Mobile, Alabama.

AMH barges have a capacity of 72 loaded, or 96 empty, twenty-foot equivalent units. Last year, AMH moved a total of approximately 50,000 TEUs, an increase in excess of 40% over the prior year. With rising customer demand and mounting concerns over environmental pollution, AMH anticipates continued growth in the sector.

Rich Teubner, vice president of AMH noted, “relative to over-the-road shipping, movement by barge also provides customers with competitive pricing, a scalable modular shipping solution, and improves their “green” footprint by utilizing a more fuel efficient logistics solution.”

See SCF’s COB rates [HERE](#)

<https://www.marinelog.com/coastal/inland/scf-announces-domestic-short-sea-container-on-barge-rates/>

IRPT needs your News!

Please send news to Aimee:
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IRPT News

IRPT Converges upon Washington, D.C.: IRPT Directors met with 47 Congressional offices to advocate for the IRPT proposed grant program. Overall, we received such positive feedback from both sides of the aisle and from Senate and House. We believe that as a result of the visits, we will have a Bill introduction in the House in January, 2020.

The **urgent issue** at this time is that S. 1439 titled Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act of 2019 was introduced by Senator Wicker as a part of the NDAA. The language is seriously skewed in that inland ports and private terminals just can't compete for this funding. The IRPT grant proposal must be introduced as an amendment to Senator Wicker's 1439 before it gets approved as is.

IRPT WRDA 2020: Hearings in November in the House T&I Committee focused on resiliency. Many IRPT Basins and Members were drastically affected by the flooding events not just this year, but many of them still recovering from flooding last year. All indications from USACE Washington is that next year will be quite the same.

IRPT is taking this resiliency topic very seriously and have a few items currently on the table:

1. We are exploring a Resiliency handbook with Federal Agencies that will aid in preparing for, responding to and recovering from these disasters in a timely manner.
2. IRPT is in the process of drafting our Congressional request for WRDA 2020 inclusion regarding resiliency. The process of IRPT issuing a formal request of this nature is that I will draft the request (taking in consideration from industry partners) and submit to the IRPT Executive Committee for suggested revisions. We have until February to submit this request, so I ask of you:

Do you have suggested asks/considerations that you would like IRPT to include in our request to Congress for WRDA 2020 resiliency consideration?

IRPT Directors adopt Great Lakes Basin into ByLaws: On November 13th, IRPT Officers and Directors voted to adopt an 11th Basin into the ByLaws of the Association. Much of the great work that IRPT is engaged in already offers benefits to the many ports and terminals in the Great Lakes. For our Members (and potential Members) on the Lakes, they now have an individualized Basin to call home within IRPT.

Together, we have (and will continue) to grow this association in to the power house it has become and will become in the future.

Rediscover the *strength* of ~~America's Inland Rivers~~ IRPT!

IRPT News, continued

IRPT Welcomes Deidre Smith as IRPT's Deputy Director: Deidre Smith, formerly of Arkansas Waterways Commission has accepted the position of full time Deputy Director of IRPT!!!! Deidre will start working on January 2nd of 2020. Please help me welcome Dede to our staff family!

Tapping into Deidre's knowledge and experience, it is the vision to play a larger role in IRPT Basins on a monthly schedule (except in disaster events to which the updates will be weekly), to update our stakeholders on river related issues, including current and future construction at locks and dams and channel improvements.

Deputy Director Smith brings many years of experience representing multiple rivers, including the Arkansas, White, Red, Ouachita and Mississippi Rivers. She has been a strong advocate for public ports and private terminals alike. Her strong focus and advocacy for tonnage reporting, infrastructure funding and economic development aligns well with the mission of Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals. We are so very excited to have her not only on the IRPT team, but to have her advocacy working for the entirety of the IRPT Membership.

Welcome aboard Dede!

IRPT issues it's 2020 Call for Sponsors and Exhibitors: Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals is excited to present its **2020 Call for Sponsors and Exhibitors!** We invite you to join us for the **Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals (IRPT) Annual Conference** at the Little Rock Marriott, April 21st and April 22nd (with exhibitor move in, special meetings and reception on Monday, April 20th), 2020.

This year's conference will include:

Nearly 18 hours of conference content with professional development hours offered.

Exhibition space offering high quality one-on-one interaction with attendees. Our design and layout, offers the personal experience to increase communication and visibility. Exhibition time exceeds 18 hours and will ensure you company's exposure.

Sponsorships are available and MUCH appreciated.

This year's conference offers many popular sponsorship levels and benefits. If you are interested in securing your exhibit space or would like to participate as a sponsor in our 2020 Annual Conference, I encourage you to contact Aimee Andres at 618-468-3010 to reserve your exhibit space and discuss sponsorship opportunities which WILL maximize your company's exposure at the event. Please do not delay, [you can access the sponsor/exhibitor application here.](#)

Special Thanks

IRPT would like to extend our sincerest thanks to our Fall Sponsors:

St. Louis Port Authority for sponsoring the Upper Mississippi River Basin meeting.

AGIRServices of Brunswick, HDR, Inc., Port KC and J.F. Brennan Company for sponsoring the Missouri River Basin meeting.

5R Enterprises for sponsoring the Illinois River Basin meeting.

Cincinnati Barge & Rail for sponsoring the Ohio River Basin meeting.

Illinois International Port District, HDR, Inc. and the Port of Little Rock for sponsoring the Board breakfasts in Washington.

