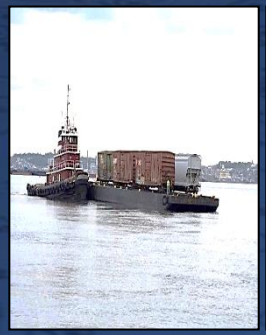

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MARAD
U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Mission

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To foster and promote the U.S. Merchant Marine and the American maritime industry to strengthen the maritime transportation system — including landside infrastructure, the shipbuilding and repair industry, and labor — to meet the economic and national security needs of our Nation.

Secretary of Transportation
Pete Buttigieg

Administrator Nominee
Rear Adm. Ann Phillips

Acting Administrator / Deputy
Lucinda Lessley

Established: 1950

Total Employees: 750+

Headquarters: 272

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: 264

Gateway Offices and Fleet Sites: 218

U.S. Department of Transportation

Strategic Goals

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MISSION: In Peace and In War

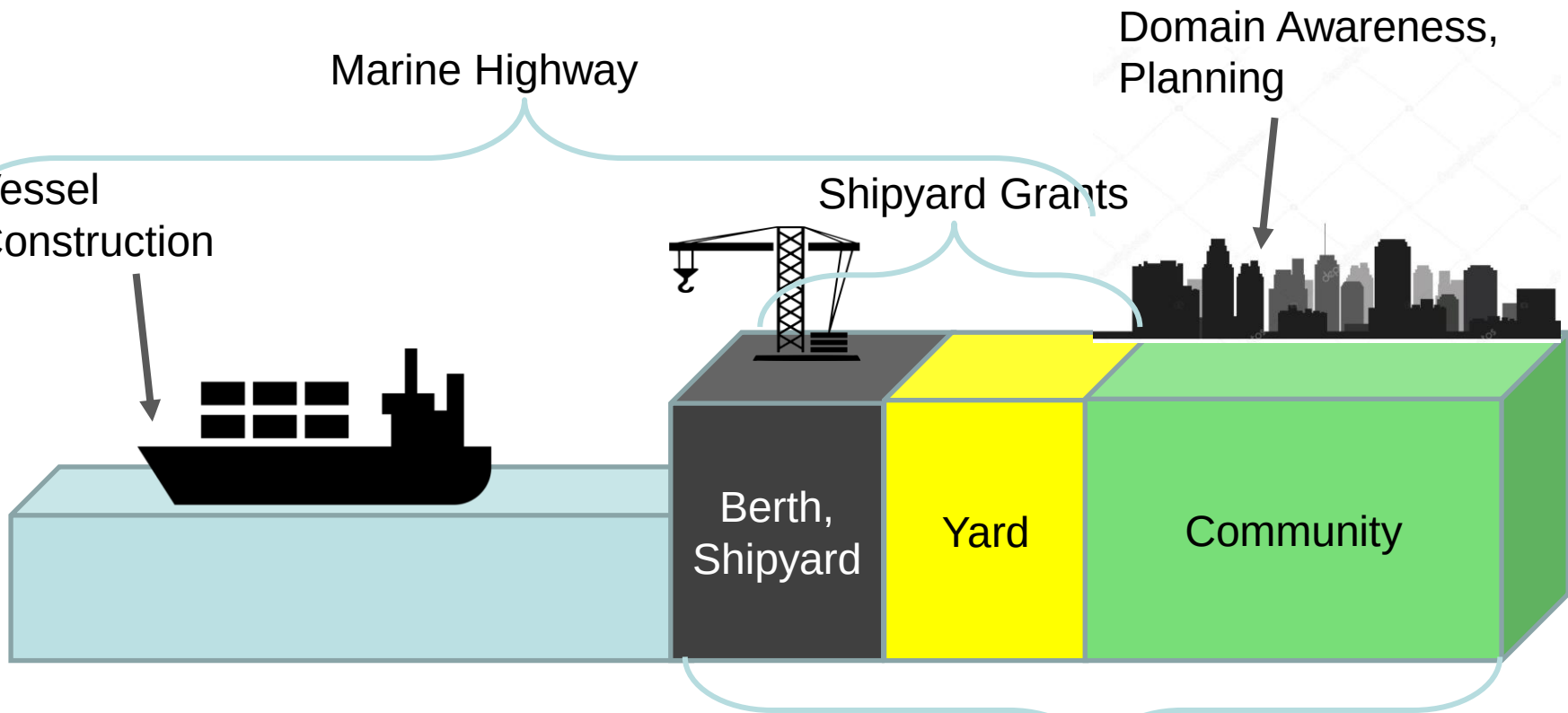
Strengthen the U.S. maritime transportation system including infrastructure, industry and labor to meet the economic and security needs of the Nation.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- MARITIME CAPABILITIES: Develop domestic and international transportation opportunities to modernize and sustain a competitive commercial U.S.-flag fleet that ensures the Nation's economic and national security
- MARITIME READINESS: Ensure the availability of a capable U.S. Merchant Marine fleet with modern U.S.-flag vessels, skilled labor and global logistics support to drive the Nation's economy and to meet national maritime transportation requirements in peacetime emergencies and armed conflicts. Drive innovation in the maritime industry.
- INFRASTRUCTURE: Support the development of America's ports, shipyards and related intermodal infrastructure as key integrated components of an efficient, resilient and sustainable national transportation system and freight network
- ADVOCACY: Advance awareness of the necessity and importance of a strong U.S. Maritime Transportation System

How I See My Role in Supporting MARAD's mission..

Environmental Stewardship, Emergency Reporting, Military and Humanitarian Missions



Port Infrastructure - RAISE, PIDP, TIFIA, RIFF, INFRA, Discretionary Grants/Loans
Port Security Grants

Vessel and Shipyard Funding Programs

- **Small Shipyard Grants**
  - https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants-finances/small-shipyard-grants
- **Federal Ship Financing Program (Title XI)**
  - https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants/title-xi/federal-ship-financing-program-title-xi
- **Construction Reserve Fund**
  - https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants/construction-reserve-fund
- **Capital Construction Fund**
  - https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants/capital-construction-fund

Discretionary Grants

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

- Large infrastructure projects of all types
- $1.5B for FY 2023
- Application deadline February 28, 2023; statutory award date June 28, 2023
- RAISE 2023 News Release
- RAISE FY 2023 NOFO
- Webinars
  - How to Compete for RAISE Grants
  - How to Compete for RAISE Grants: New Applicants
  - How to Compete for RAISE Grants: Rural and Tribal Applicants
  - How to Use the New RAISE Mapping Tool
  - How to Prepare a Benefit-Cost Analysis for RAISE Grants
- Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants

MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

- PIDP FY 2023 NOFO (short form)
- Final NOFO posted in February 2023
- $662M for FY 2023
- Application deadline April 28; award date – Fall 2023
- Webinars:

- The “Preparing a Benefit-Cost Analysis for a Large Project” will be held on March 2, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00PM Eastern.
- The "Economic Vitality: Small Projects at Small Ports" webcast will be held on March 8, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00PM Eastern.
- How to Apply for a FY23 PIDP Grant" webcast was held on February 15, 2023

USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) – combined below:

USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant

- Very large infrastructure projects of all types. Marine highway projects are eligible.
- $8B (total available FY22-FY26); FY 2022 awarded September 15, 2022
- Approximately $2B available for FY 2023 NOFO not yet published
- INFRA Program Info

USDOT Mega Grant

- Super large infrastructure projects of all types.
- $5B (total available FY22-FY26); FY 2022 awarded January 31, 2023
- Approximately $1.25B available for FY 2023, FY 2023 NOFO not yet published
- Mega Grant Program Info

USDOT Rural Surface Transportation Grant

- Limited applicability to ports re: economically important facilities
- FY 2022 awarded December 21, 2022
- Approximately $500M available for FY 2023, NOFO not yet published
- Rural Surface Transportation Program Info

America's Marine Highway

Photo courtesy of Port of Greater Baton Rouge

What is Divertible?

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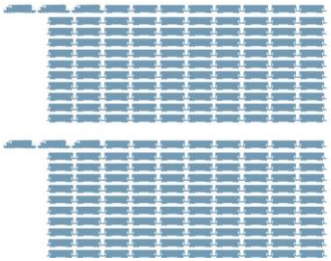
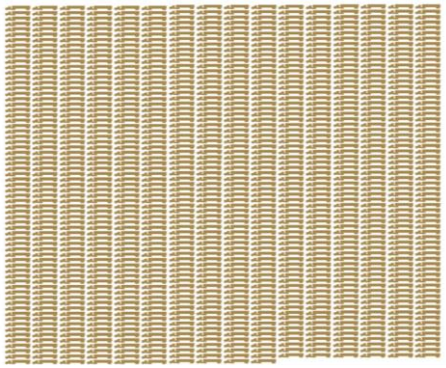
One 15-Barge Tow

240 Rail Cars + 6 Locomotives



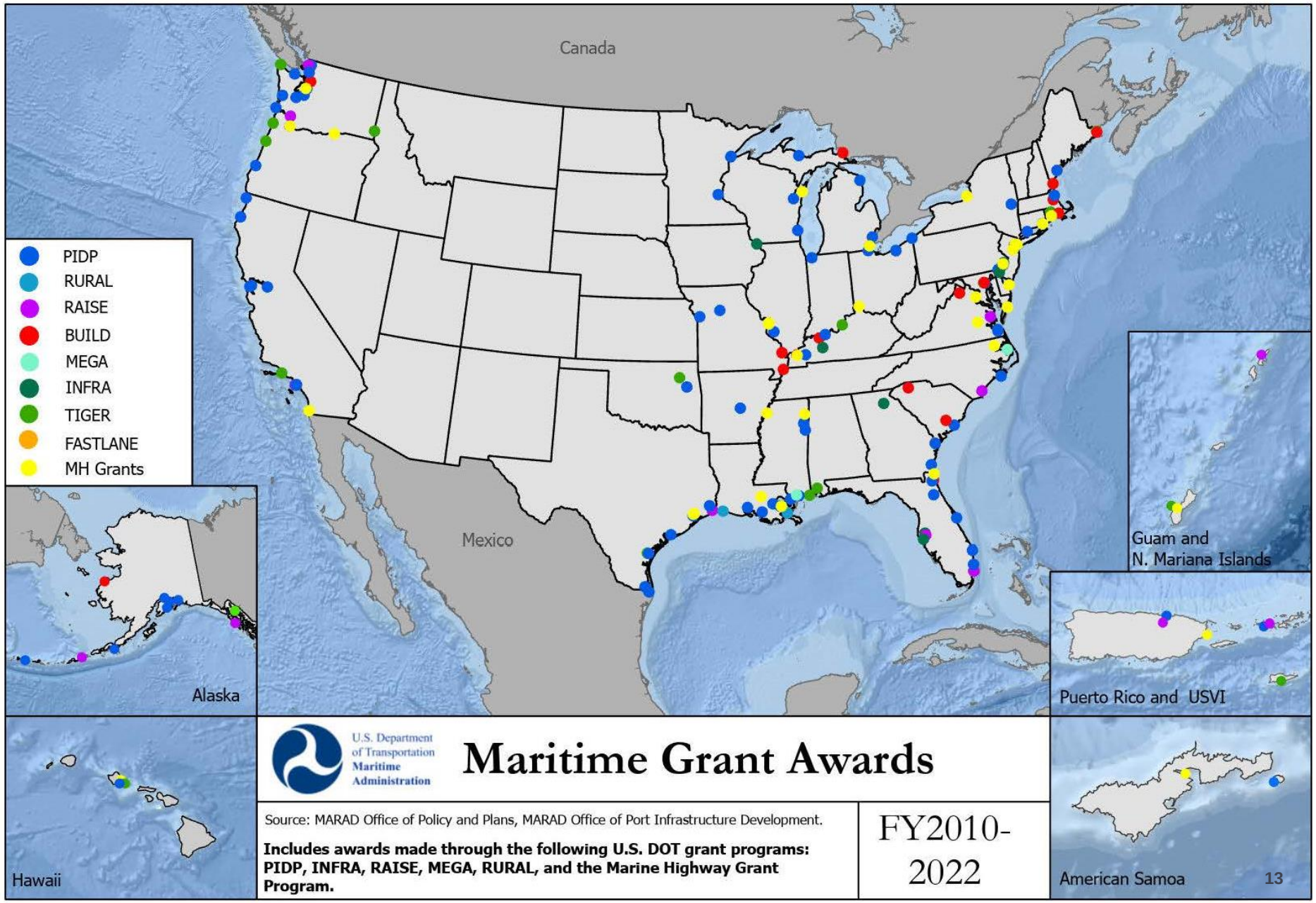
1,050 Large Semi Tractor-Trailers



MARAD U.S. Marine Highway Program (USMHP)

- Numerous program changes under FY 2023 Natl. Defense Authorization Act (Sec.3521, p. 680)
- FY 2023 NOFO under development; to be published by February 28; application deadline April 28; award date – Fall 2023
- Application webinars pending

Awarded Grants



Other Paths– Other Resources Available

OTHER DOT Resources

- FHWA National Highway Freight Formula Program (NHFP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- FHWA Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program
- FHWA Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities
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- FHWA Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Discretionary Grant Program
- FHWA Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program
- FRA Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Discretionary Grant Program

Loan Programs

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Private Activity Bonds (PABs)

Tax-exempt financing issued through a public conduit for privately developed infrastructure

- https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/private-activity-bonds

USDOT Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Financing assistance for surface transportation projects

- https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia

USDOT Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF)

Financing assistance for railroad infrastructure

- https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/rrif

Other Federal Assistance Resources

- **EPA Ports Program**
  - https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative
  - https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative/funding-opportunities-ports-and-near-port-communities
- **EPA – Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grants for Equipment**
  - NOFO will be published in early 2023. Specific provisions for rural states.
  - https://www.epa.gov/dera
- **Port Security Grants**
  - https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security
- **USDA Rural Development Grants/Loans**
  - https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs
- **EDA Grants/Loans**
  - https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities

Criteria is Important

- **Planning or Capital Project**
- **Rural versus Urban**
- **Areas of Persistent Poverty- Environmental Justice**
- **Climate Change and Sustainability**
- **Criteria do change across program eligibility**
- **Identify/Understand the cost share conditions**
- **Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs | US Department of Transportation**
  - https://www.transportation.gov/mission/office-secretary/office-policy/transportation-policy/benefit-cost-analysis-guidance

Before You Apply for a Grant

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Know your top priorities

Recognize there is “Federal Timelines” that may not be matched with your timelines

Understand your project cost components

Identify and work with Regional Partners

Read and understand the NOFO

Register at System for Award Management (www.SAM.Gov) for unique identifier

Resources are available if you have questions

If Not Awarded a Grant

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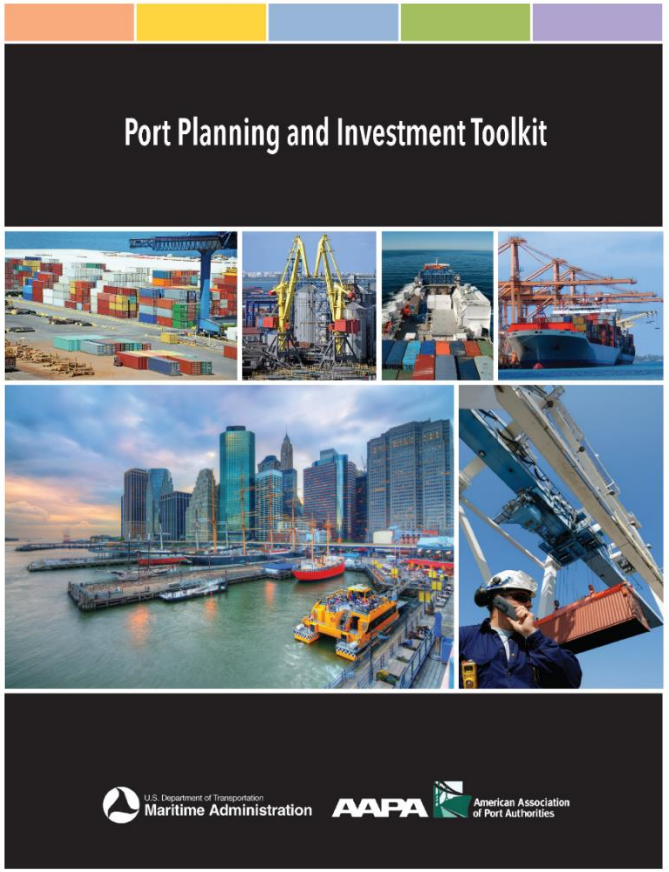
- **If you submitted a PIDP/RAISE grant application and were not awarded, you can request a debrief meeting concerning the quality of your application.**
- **To do so, the application sponsor, as indicated on the submission, must request the briefing.**
  - To request a debrief of applications submitted for the RAISE program, send your request to RAISEgrants@dot.gov .
  - To request a debrief of an application submitted for the PIDP funding opportunity, send your request to PIDPgrants@dot.gov .
- **Remember that the debrief request needs to come from one of the individuals listed on the SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance).**

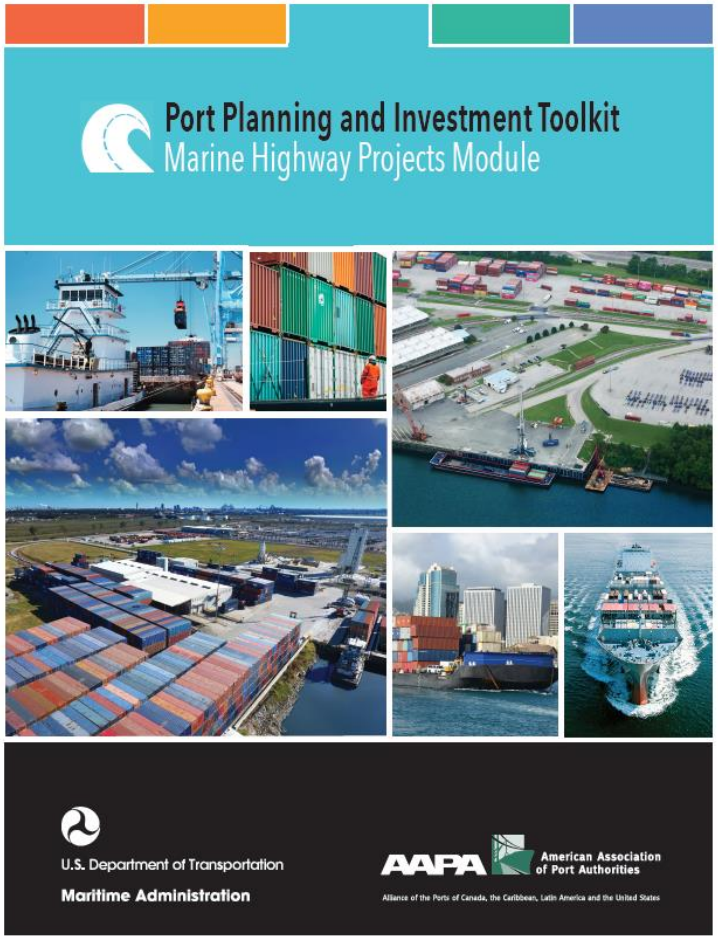
So What…

Port Planning & Investment Toolkit (PPIT)

- **A joint initiative between AAPA and MARAD**
- **The Toolkit modules can be used to help ports:**
  - Evaluate port conditions
  - Define problems
  - Plan thoroughly
  - Navigate the preplanning process
  - Engage private partners
  - Present actionable needs to administrators
  - Access available funding
  - Complete project
- **http://www.aapa-ports.org/PPIT**



Toolkit on America's Marine Highway



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https://www.maritime.dot.gov/grants-finances/marine-highways/port-planning-and-investment-toolkit-marine-highway-projects-module

Committee on the Marine Transportation System

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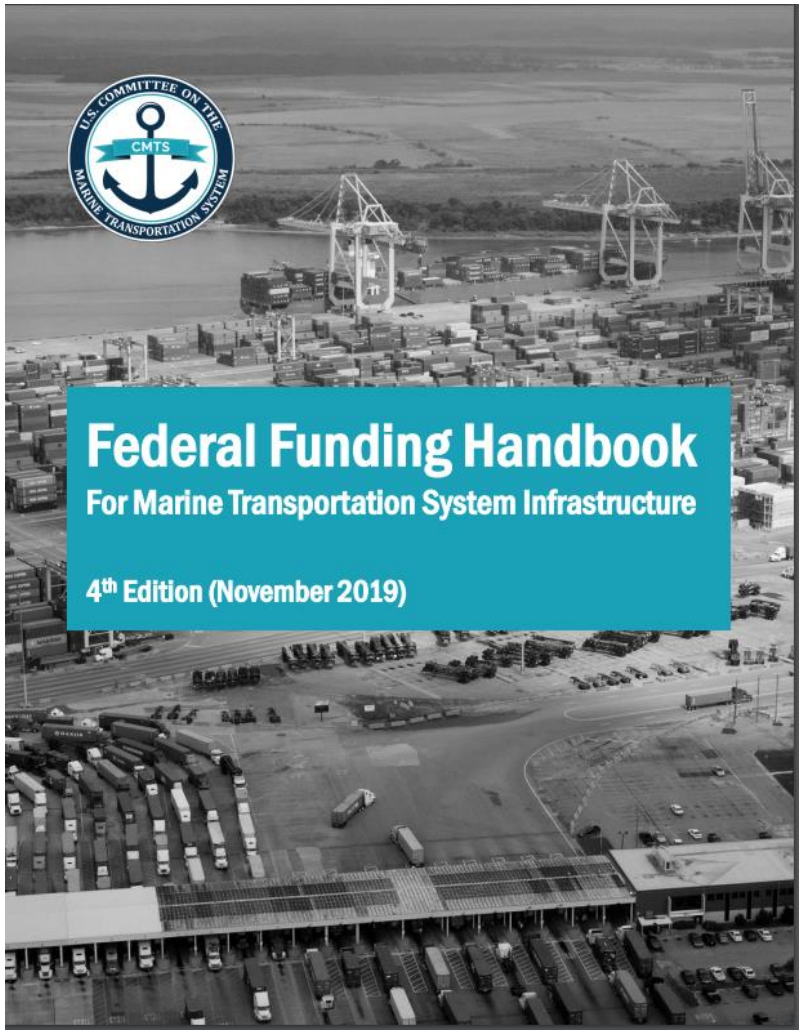
The CMTS Federal Funding Handbook contains references to funding, financing, and technical assistance programs for infrastructure in the marine transportation system.

The purpose of the Handbook is to serve as a value-added tool for local and non-Federal level practitioners as well as Federal stakeholders to identify Federal resources.



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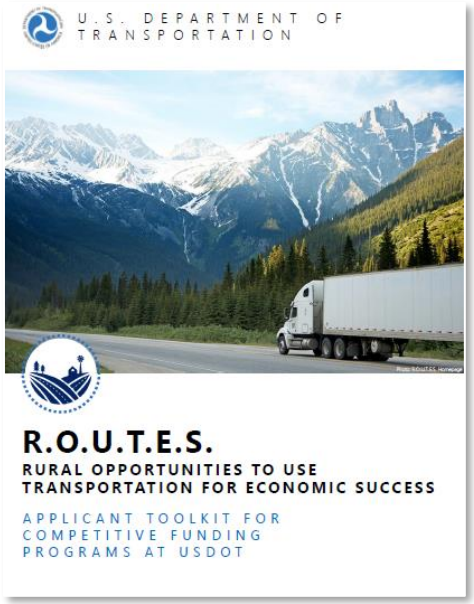
Applicant Toolkit for Competitive Funding Programs at USDOT

The Toolkit is designed for all levels of grant applicant experience, aiming to enhance access to USDOT resources for rural transportation projects. Specifically, this Toolkit illustrates key applicant activities when participating in the USDOT discretionary grants process, catalogues USDOT discretionary grant programs by applicant type and eligible project activities in a USDOT Discretionary Grant Funding Matrix, and provides resources for applicants to maximize the potential for award success.



TRAINING MODULES

USDOT Discretionary Grant Process & Applicant Roadmap: Illustrates applicant and USDOT activities during each stage of the funding lifecycle (p.14)

USDOT Discretionary Grant Funding Matrix: Organizes grant programs by eligible applicant and project type for easy reference (p.17)

Maximizing Award Success: Outlines how to navigate program Notices of Funding Opportunity and key application components such as a benefit-cost analysis (p.73)

VIEW THE TOOLKIT: www.transportation.gov/rural/toolkit

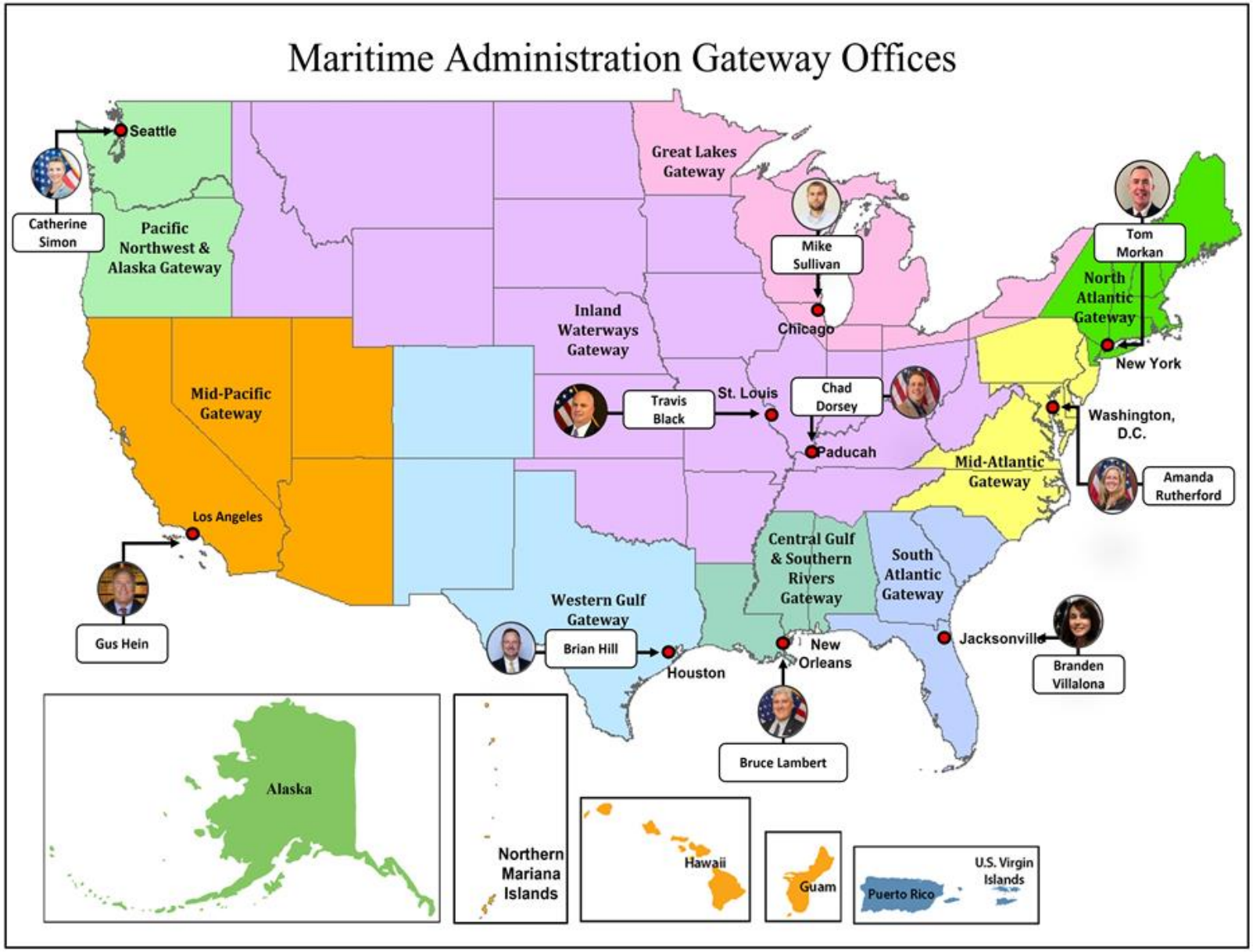
EMAIL US: rural@dot.gov

NEWSLETTER AND EVENT NOTIFICATIONS: Subscribe

Other Federal Assistance Resources

- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**
  - CFDA lists 2,320 programs available
  - https://www.cfda.gov/
- **Grants.gov**
  - 900 grant programs across 26 Federal Agencies
- **Federal Register**
  - https://www.federalregister.gov/

Gateway Offices



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