

All,

Bi-State has been approached by Bob Sinkler, prior commander of the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers (COE), to consider being the applicant to the US COE, to request designation as a Port Alliance for Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (those counties across from Iowa). This alliance would not be an authority or have any taxing power. It would not remove the ports some of you have already established or the one we are working on in Muscatine. It would raise the stature of all of the barge terminals and ports in our 15 counties at the national level because the amount of commodities shipped collectively would place us in the top 50 or 60 ports in the US.

All of our river-fronting counties would be required to provide support in writing if we were to apply. There would be no money attached but this would make grant funding more likely. There is a similar port alliance in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky that runs on about \$35K per year for marketing funded through nominal dues paid by the river terminals. Please review the attached slides and I would suggest we teleconference to discuss.

Our transportation committees heard about this concept and in general support. Our full Commission could consider this as early as September 25th. However it would not make sense to pursue this if you don't think your counties would support the concept. I am open all day tomorrow and could provide and teleconference number.

Thanks,

Denise

Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (PEIWI)

Concept Presentation

Pronounced “PEEWEE,”

But, there is nothing PEEWEE About It

Proposed Concept

- **When:** No later than September 2022
- **Who:** The Bi-State Regional Commission Serves as the Non-federal Sponsor (to)
- **What:** Federally Recognize the Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (PEIWI), consisting of existing port and terminal infrastructure (in)
- **Where:** IA & IL Mississippi River Counties Between Keokuk and Dubuque (in order to)
- **Why (Purpose):**
 - Market transportation capabilities to ensure full utilization
 - Ensure reliable access to the region's exports
 - Promote environmentally sustainable water infrastructure development
 - (Secondary) Support Mississippi River recreation, tourism, flood risk reduction, hydropower, water supply, water quality and natural infrastructure improvements

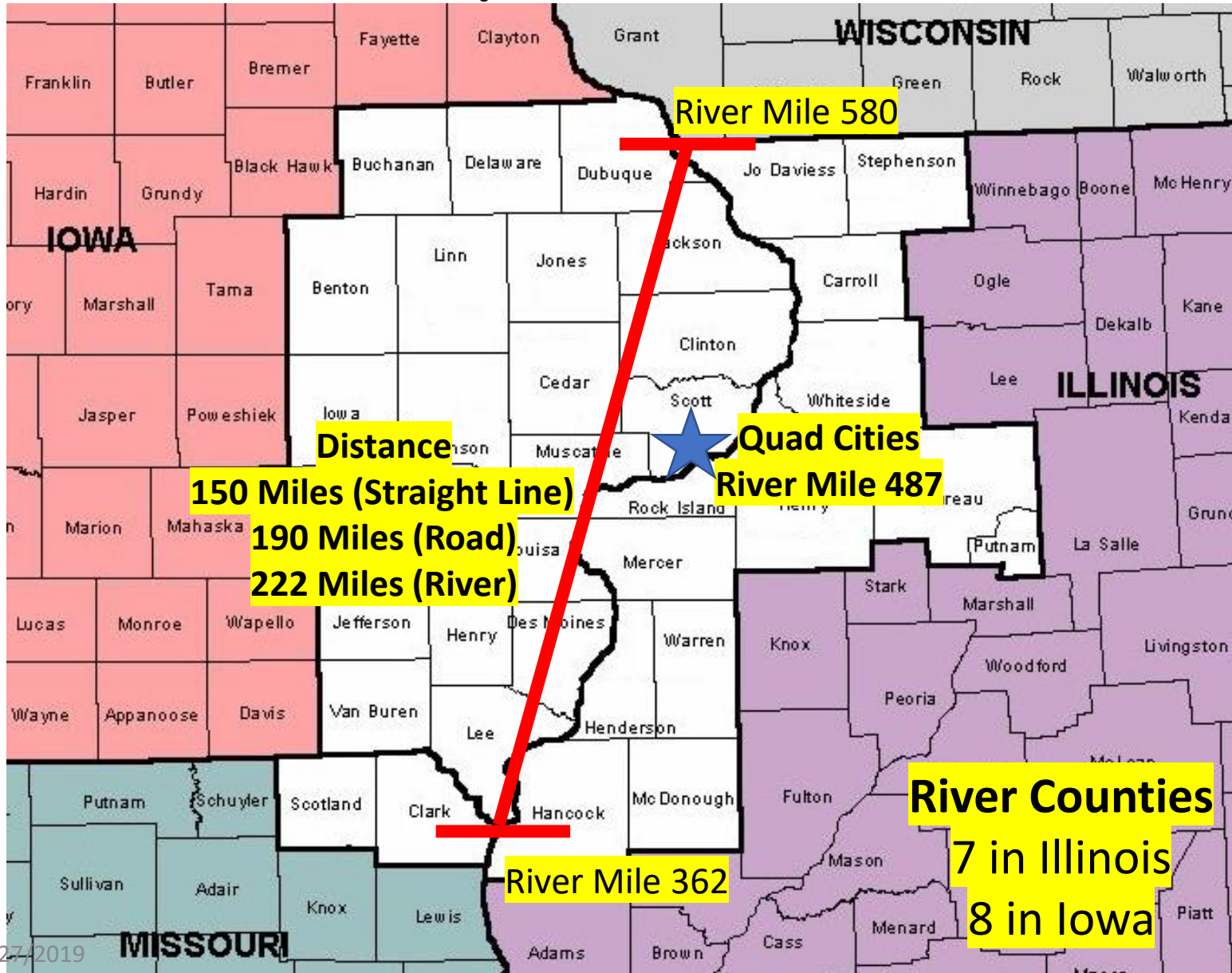
Bi-State Regional Commission (Non-Federal Sponsor)



Proposed Area

County colors don't mean or represent anything

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Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (E/IWI) Port Size

Tons

TOTAL TRADE		IMPORTS		EXPORTS		TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE		TOTAL DOMESTIC	
RANK	PORT/STATE	TONS	RANK	PORT/STATE	TONS	RANK	PORT/STATE	TONS	RANK
62	Port of Miami	7,125,341	Florida						
63	New Castle	6,918,896	Delaware						
64	Wilmington	6,746,097	North Carolina						
65	Port Fourchon	6,626,240	Louisiana						
66	Louisville	6,402,755	Kentucky						
67	Sturgeon	6,315,862	Michigan						
68	Port of Wilmington	6,146,097	Delaware						
69	Mount Vernon	6,140,964	Indiana						
70	Port of Calcite	5,867,959	Michigan						
71	Port of Camden-Gloverster	5,536,807	New Jersey						
72	Port of Brownsville	5,533,332	Texas						
73	Port of Victoria	5,519,511	Texas						
74	Port of Vancouver USA	5,363,607	Washington						

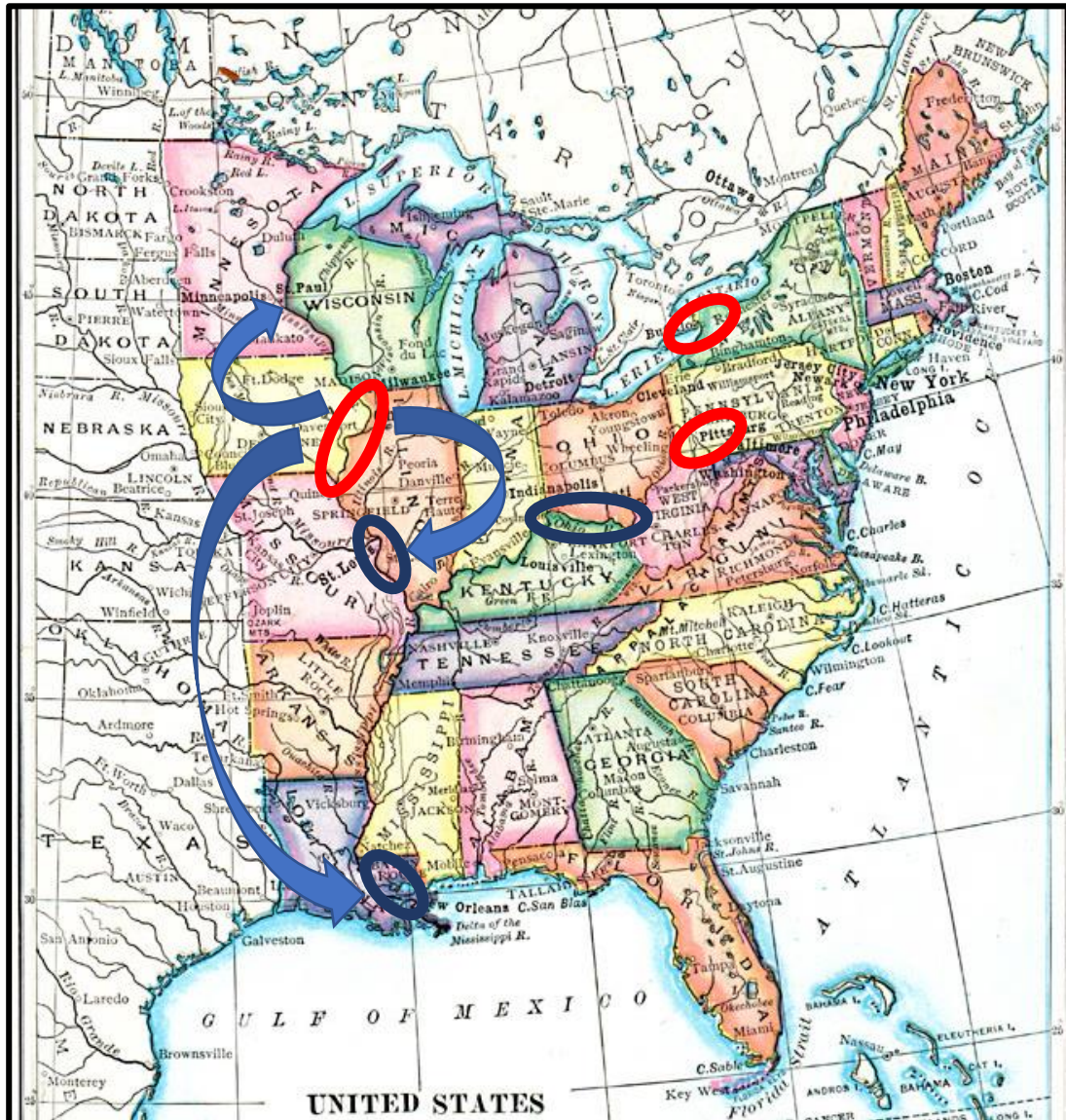
In 2012, over 6.2 million tons and \$5.2 billion worth of commodities were shipped on the waterways to, from, and within Iowa.

"Port Industry Statistics". American Association of Port Authorities.

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<https://iowadot.gov/about/waterways>

Similar Ports



Major US Trading Partner (IA DOT)

Existing Ports

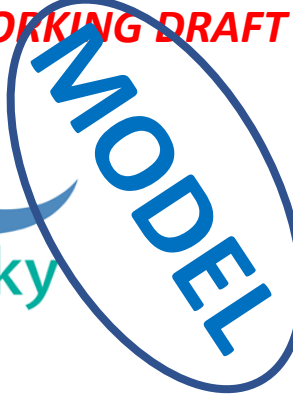
Planned Ports



CORBA
Central Ohio River
Business Association

The Ports of
Cincinnati &
Northern Kentucky

WORKING DRAFT



www.corba-usa.com

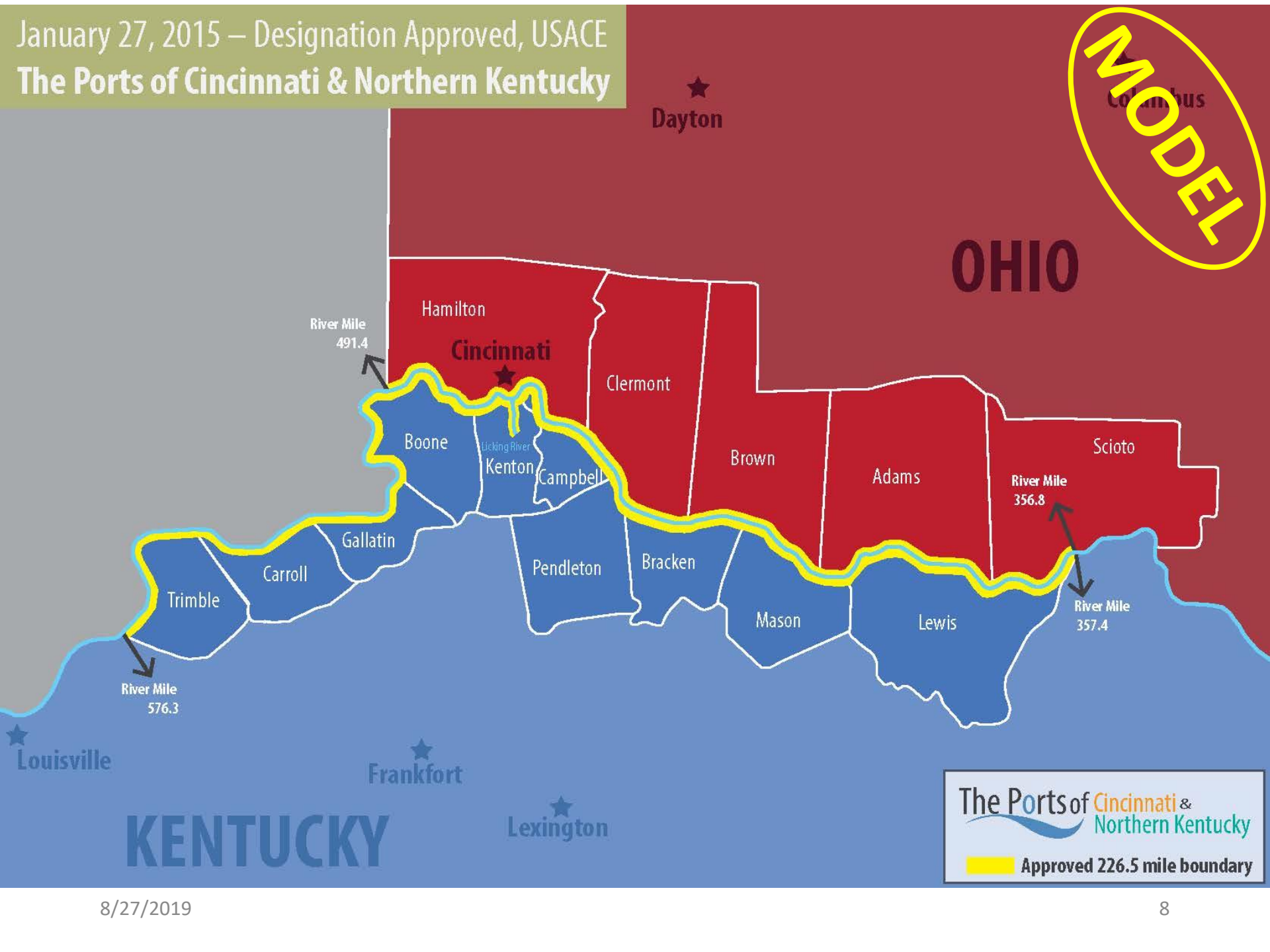
Founded on November 1st of 2011 by a group of business owners and operators who were concerned for the maritime industry along both banks of the Ohio River throughout Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The founding members saw a disconnection between businesses and industries along this river, and realized that in order to promote river commerce, there had to be an association which maintained the Ohio River as its primary focus.

226.5 River Miles

15 Counties

January 27, 2015 – Designation Approved, USACE
The Ports of Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky

MODEL



The Ports of Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky

Governance Concept

- Bi-State Regional Commission is the Non-federal Sponsor to support creation
- Counties formally agree to be recognized as a part of the Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
 - Does not preclude or prevent other county economic/transportation arrangements and agreements
- States of Illinois and Iowa approve or recognize PEIWI (Legislature or IDOTs)
- Governance is through an Association of Ports (and terminals) of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
- Funded by voluntary port and terminal membership (+/- \$500 per year, assuming 70 members)
 - No Taxing Authority
 - No Bonding Authority

Next Steps

- The Bi-State Regional Commission submits a letter of intent to create (or, explore the creation of) the Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (PEIWI) NLT 30 Sep
- PEIWI implementation plan finalized NLT 31 Oct
- Counties briefed on the concept and presented with a formation letter to approve and sign NLT 30 Dec (Signed letters completed NLT 30 Mar 2020)
- An interim advisory board for PEIWI is created NLT 30 Dec
- The state legislatures (or DOTs) recognize PEIWI during the 2020 Legislative sessions
- NLT 30 Sep 2020 the PEIWI port packet is submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Approval
- NLT 30 Sep 2021 PEIWI becomes federally recognized
- NLT 30 Sep 2022 the national Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC) is collecting and managing statistical data for PEIWI

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Back-Up

Not in conflict with, and not similar to:

The Mid-America Port Commission



The Mid-America Port Commission

- The Mid-America Port Commission was established by a three-state compact between Illinois, Iowa and Missouri in 1999. It is the only three-state port compact in the United States. Twenty-six counties are included in the compact. It was established to help develop the most effective area for logistics in the nation for both domestic and global freight. A major objective is to help regional businesses successfully compete globally with the help of the most efficient transportation system...linking water, rail, highway and air.