



# StrongPorts

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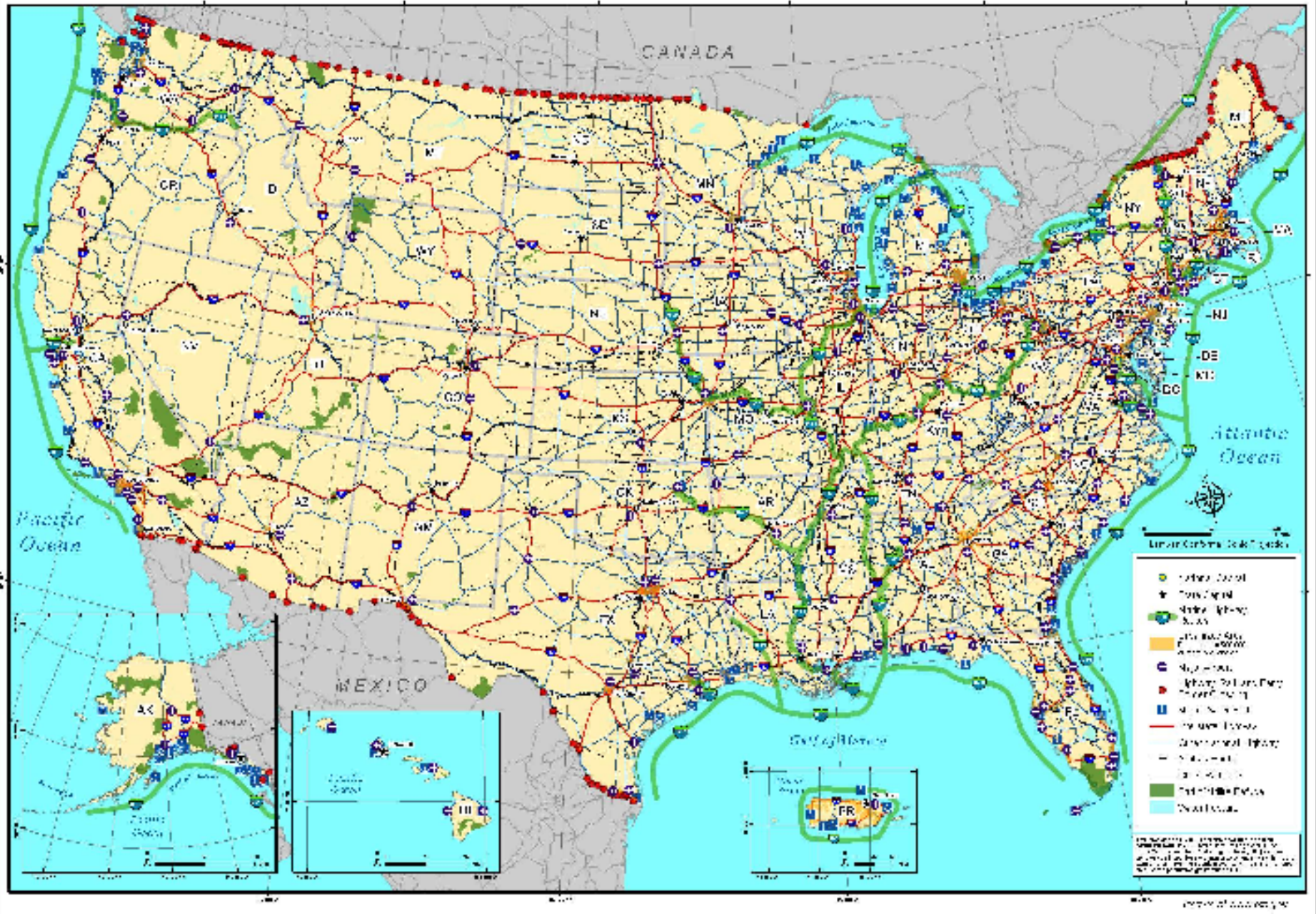
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# StrongPorts legislation

**Name:** 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (PL 111-84)

**Purpose:** Promote, encourage, and develop ports and transportation facilities in connection with water commerce

## Tasks:

- Secretary of Transportation, through the Maritime Administrator, **“shall establish a port infrastructure development program for the improvement of port facilities”**
- Provide technical assistance as needed for project planning, design, and construction
- Coordinate with Federal agencies to expedite National Environment Protection Act (NEPA)
- Coordinate reviews or requirements with local state and Federal agencies
- Receive (Federal, non-Federal, private) funds to further projects



# StrongPorts legislation

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## **Tasks, continued:**

- Investigate all things maritime:
  - Any matter that promotes/encourages use of ports
  - Ports, terminals, docks, and equipment,
  - Port improvements and intermodal transfers
  - Waterways, economies, and congestion
- Consult (with communities) – Appropriate location and plan of construction of wharves, ports, and terminals.
- Recommend – Types, locations, most efficient solutions, and most expeditious and economical intermodal transfers



# Implementing StrongPorts

## **Primary objectives:**

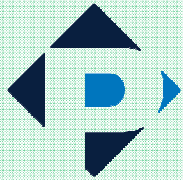
- Improve state of repair, capacity, efficiency, and environmental sustainability of all U.S. ports
- Leverage existing programs where possible
- Improve port competitiveness for public (Federal, state, and local) and private funds through enhanced planning and engagement

## **Factors, goals, and methodologies to consider:**

- Ensure that the Federal role is appropriate to circumstances
- Maintain competition among/between ports
- Help programs be effective with no new Federal funds
- Address the real, not perceived, challenges ports face
- Ensure that the program benefits all ports, not just a select few

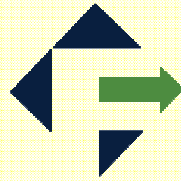


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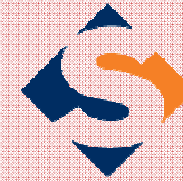
## Category I Planning and Engagement

- Assist with investment-grade plans
  - Transportation system benefits
  - Economic opportunities
  - Positive environmental effects
- Improve regional collaboration
- Determine eligibility for other federal programs



## Category II Financing

- Assist ports to identify funding sources
  - Port Infrastructure Fund
  - Port Conveyance Program
  - Other Federal, state, and local sources



## Category III Project Support

- Assist ports with collaboration with multiple government agencies regarding:
  - Environmental review
  - Risk mitigation
  - Permitting



# Category I: Port planning and investment toolkit

- Joint venture between AAPA, a working group of 57 industry expert volunteers, and MARAD
- Toolkit can help ports obtain funding by developing investment grade plans that:
  - Clearly identify future port needs
  - Determine the most cost-effective, sustainable, and efficient solutions to port problems
  - Incorporate port infrastructure projects into local and state transportation programs to receive formula funding
  - Position port projects for Federal funding, such as TIGER grants
  - Assist ports in obtaining private-sector investment funds

Available at [www.strongports.gov/toolkit](http://www.strongports.gov/toolkit)





# Category I: PortTalk

Facilitated sessions designed to foster dialogue and develop regional maritime transportation plans

Target participants include state departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, economic development corporations, ports, and port authorities

PortTalk outcomes:

- Identify resources and programs to build, modernize, and expand maritime transportation assets
- Spotlight maritime transportation's role in regional transportation system planning
- Shipper and shipping company outreach and needs assessment
- Gain understanding of freight system plans to 2025
- Generate innovative solutions to environmental and logistics challenges



# Category II: Federal financing programs

- Port Infrastructure Development Fund
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)
- Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS)
- Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)
- Private Activity Bonds (PABs)
- Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF)
- Small Shipyard Grant Program
- Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
- Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)
- Brownfield Grants
- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ)
- Ferry-related Grants



# Build America Transportation Investment Center

One-stop shop for state and local governments, public and private developers, and investors seeking financing strategies for transportation infrastructure projects

- Information on public-private partnerships
- Model contracts for tolls and concessions



# Category III: Project Support

This StrongPorts category remains under development

- Environmental reviews
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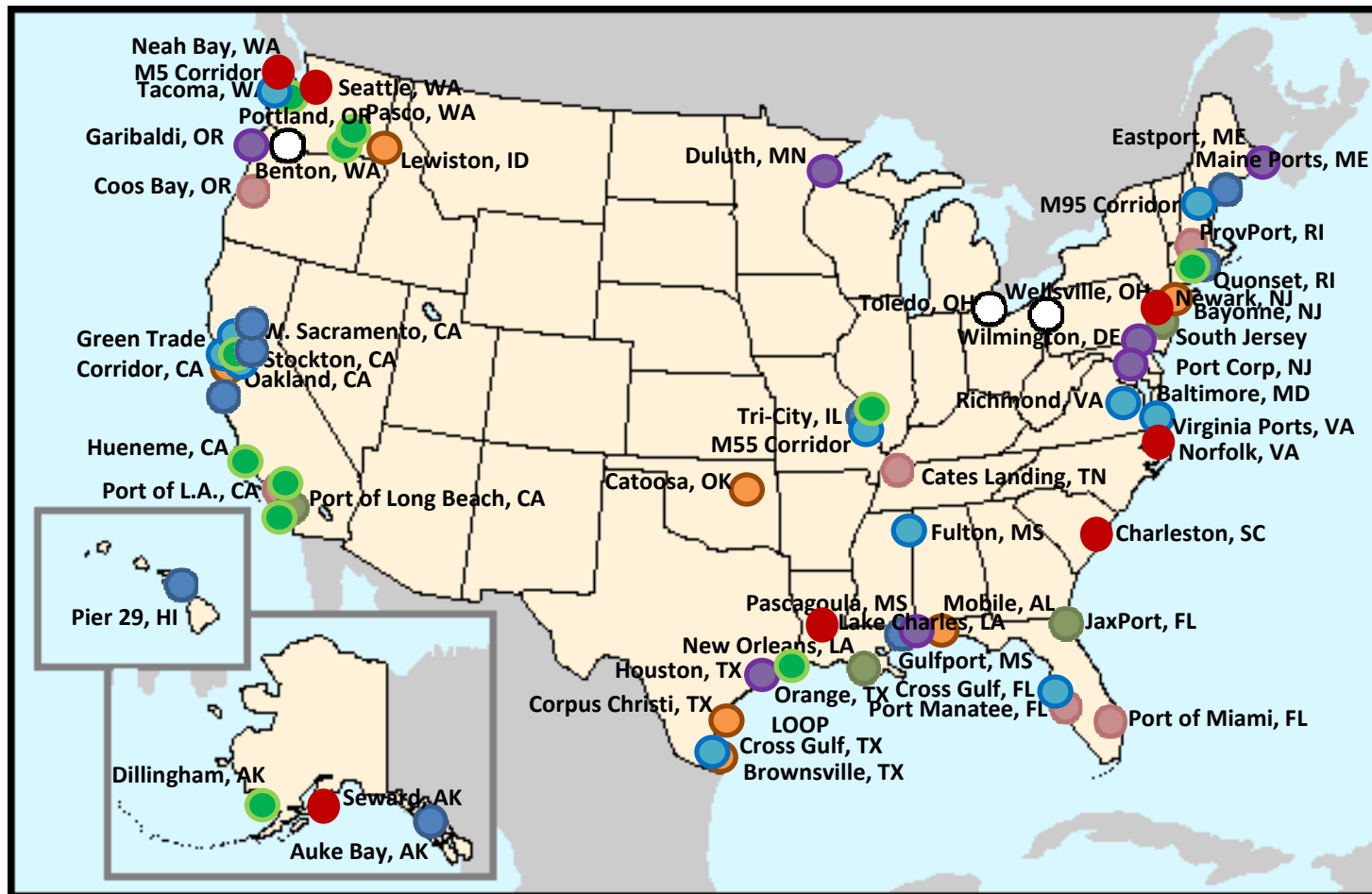
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# Maritime Administration Projects



- ARRA Grants
- TIGER FY 2009
- TIGER FY 2010
- TIGER FY 2011
- TIGER FY 2012
- TIGER FY 2013
- TIGER FY 2014
- Marine Highway
- Port Conveyance



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