

WATERBORNE COMMERCE and the U.S. ECONOMY

Telling the Untold Story

The tugboat, towboat and barge industry is a major pillar of the American economy and provides critical services in support of homeland and national security. Our vessels operate on U.S. inland and coastal waterways, crewed by mariners dedicated to ensuring that the vital commodities that sustain our way of life reach their destinations safely and efficiently.

Despite the importance of this industry, the role of tugboats, towboats and barges in powering our nation is one of the great untold stories of American commerce. AWO and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) signed a cooperative agreement to help tell that story through the new PricewaterhouseCoopers study, *Economic Contribution of the US Tugboat, Towboat and Barge Industry*.



STUDY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Jobs and GDP.** 301,550 jobs nationwide, with a total impact on U.S. gross domestic product of \$33.8 billion.
- **What We're Moving.** More than 760 million tons annually of vital commodities like petroleum, agricultural products, chemicals, coal, and manufactured goods.
- **Efficiency and Environmental Benefit.**
 - 1 inland dry cargo barge can haul 1,750 tons of dry cargo, the equivalent of 16 bulk rail cars or 70 tractor trailers.
 - 1 inland liquid cargo barge can haul 27,500 barrels of liquid, the equivalent of 46 rail cars or 144 tanker trucks.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

- Industry overview, including direct employment map, top 10 states for direct employment, barge traffic by commodity group, top 15 largest ports, and more.
- Economic impact, including national and state economic contributions to employment, GDP, and tax revenues.
- Other benefits of the industry, including fuel efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions, and injury and fatality rates as compared to other modes.

For more information, visit the AWO online press kit, available here: www.americanwaterways.com

ABOUT AWO

The American Waterways Operators is the national advocate for the U.S. tugboat, towboat and barge industry, which serves the nation as the safest, most environmentally friendly and economical mode of freight transportation. Industry vessels move more than 760 million tons of America's commerce each year on the U.S. inland and intracoastal waterways, the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes.

For more information about the importance of waterway transportation, please visit AWO's website at www.americanwaterways.com, or contact us at (703) 841-9300.



ABOUT MARAD

The Maritime Administration is the agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation dealing with waterborne transportation. Its programs promote the use of waterborne transportation and its seamless integration with other segments of the transportation system, and the viability of the U.S. merchant marine.

