

# THE AMERICAN TUGBOAT, TOWBOAT AND BARGE INDUSTRY

## ECONOMY



**Makes vital contributions to the nation's economy as the largest segment of the domestic maritime industry**

- Supporting over 270,000 jobs
- Providing ladders of economic opportunity and career mobility
- Contributing over \$30 billion to GDP annually
- Moving 665 million tons of cargo each year

### Embraces environmental sustainability

- Most efficient mode of freight transport:  
**1 dry cargo barge = 16 railcars, 70 trucks**
- Lowest carbon emissions of all freight transport modes: barges produce 43% less greenhouse gas emissions than rail and more than 800% less than trucks
- Commitment to technological innovation

## ENVIRONMENT



**Serves as the safest mode of freight transportation for the public**

- Navigating COVID: staying healthy, maintaining operational continuity, and contributing to pandemic relief to keep the economy going
- Part of the essential, critical infrastructure workforce – key component of resilient supply chain
- Committed to achieving zero harm to people, property and the environment

## SAFETY



### Supports national and homeland security

- Serving as the Coast Guard's "eyes and ears" on the waterways and providing on-scene assistance to vessels in distress
- Supporting military readiness – transporting military cargo domestically and providing ship-assist services for Navy ships entering and leaving U.S. ports

## SECURITY

