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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
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



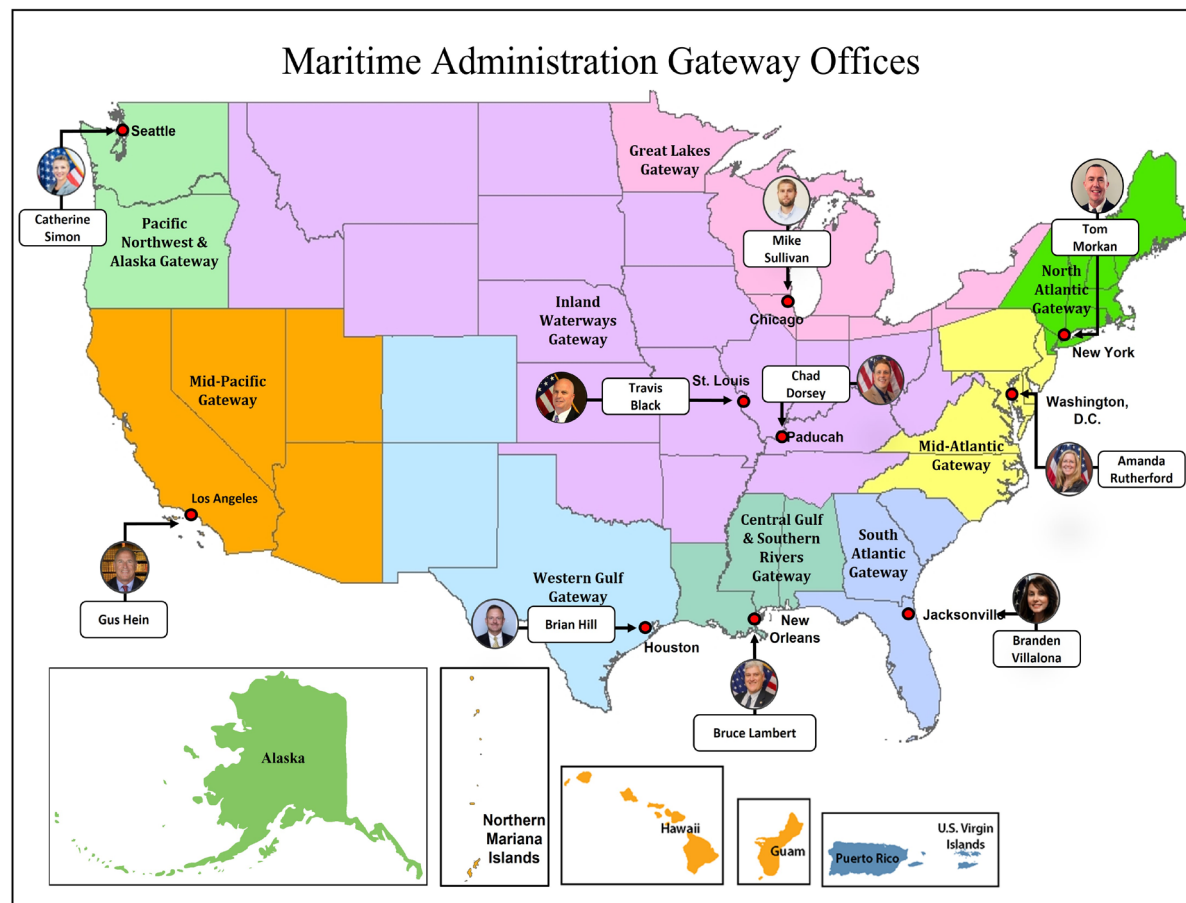
U.S. Department
of Transportation

If I gave any Port one dollar...



What would that Port buy?

- Outreach and engagement with Port Authorities, Terminal Operators, Carriers, Rail, Private Sector, local, state and federal partners, etc.
- Participate in Area Maritime Security Committee and Port Readiness Committee meetings held by USCG
- Assess the readiness of our Strategic Commercial Seaports
- Report supply chain impacts and port closures in times of emergency
- Review State Freight Plans – work with MPOs
- Can help stakeholders assess climate change vulnerabilities



Register on Grants.com

Seek advice on grant management protocols

Understand your project/cash flow timing needs

Read last year's NOFOs

Grant Programs

- **RAISE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity**
- **INFRA: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America**
- **PIDP: Port Infrastructure Development Program**
- **AMH: America's Marine Highway Program**
- **Mega Grants**
- **Rural Surface Transportation Grant**

Loan Programs

- **TIFIA: Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act**
- **RIFF: Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing**



- **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/>

- **Federal Recognized Tribes**

- <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-30/pdf/2020-01707.pdf>

- **MAX Portal**

- <https://portal.max.gov/portal/home>

- **Environmental Justice Mapping information:**

- [Transportation Disadvantaged Census Tracts \(arcgis.com\)
https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d6f90dfcc8b44525b04c7ce748a3674a](https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d6f90dfcc8b44525b04c7ce748a3674a)

■ EPA Ports Program

- <https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative>
- <https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative/funding-opportunities-ports-and-near-port-communities>

■ Agricultural Marketing Service

- <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/transportation-analysis/barge>

Committee on Maritime Transportation System

Investment Toolkit

- https://www.cmts.gov/resources/infrastructure_investment_toolkit

Fourth Edition of Federal Funding Handbook

- https://www.cmts.gov/downloads/Federal_Funding_Handbook_2019_FINAL_Jan2020_corrected.pdf

■ DOT RURAL OPPORTUNITIES TO USE TRANSPORTATION FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS (ROUTES)

Funding Cycle – Hypothetical Year – October 1 Fiscal Year

	Work Item	1st Quarter Oct-Dec	2nd Quarter Jan-Mar	3rd Quarter Apr-Jun	4th Quarter Jul-Sep
Agency					
Topline Federal Activities	Budget	Fiscal Budget begins		Begin discussion on next FY Budget	
US DOT (Most Federal Agencies)	Grant Application Cycle		NOFO's begin release	NOFOs begin to Close	NOFOs are awarded
US DOT	Grant Application Support	Respond to Grant Reviews	Guidance Released	Training-Webinars	

- 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).

- Work with Grant Manager to set up grant review process
- Discuss financial obligations concerning interim construction
- Discuss site visit and reporting protocols
- Buy American/Buy America provisions and waivers

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