



MARAD FACT SHEET PORT FACILITY CONVEYANCE PROGRAM



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Strategic Objective: Commercial Mobility—Promote and facilitate a United States maritime transportation system that improves the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

Vision: To more fully develop the intermodal capacity of the nation's port system.

Mission: Ports are critical links in the international freight supply chain. To maintain adequate capacity and service, the nation's port system must be continuously renewed through strategic investment.

As an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD promotes the development and maintenance of a well-balanced and efficient port gateway system to support our national economic and security interests. The Port Facility Conveyance Program makes surplus federal property available, at no cost, for port and intermodal terminal expansion.

Goals:

- **Intermodalism:** Expand port freight hubs (port, rail and truck terminals) to address the inefficiency of the "last-mile problem" (intermodal choke points).
- **Trade:** Increase port capacity to accommodate the rapid growth in world trade.
- **Reduce congestion:** Supplement existing port facility development and capacity to increase operational efficiencies.
- **Create jobs:** Introduce new port-related employment opportunities by encouraging the development of port infrastructure and capacity.

Program Description

By delegated authority, MARAD conveys surplus Federal real property to public entities for the development and use as port related facilities. The program provides a no-cost means for local entities to acquire property for use cargo or passenger handling terminals or embarkation areas. The program helps create jobs, revitalize communities negatively impacted by base closures or other Federal action, and increases national port capacity.

Selected MARAD Port Facility Conveyance Applications

The Port of Los Angeles (pending) – The Port is seeking to acquire the United States Customs House. The Customs House is located on approximately nine acres of land on Terminal Island and is contiguous with Port-owned property and operations. The acquisition of the Custom House will facilitate the Port's efforts to optimize its general cargo operations. Estimated market value for the Customs House and its adjacent property - \$12 million.

Port of Dillingham, Alaska (pending) – The City of Dillingham is seeking title to the Port Captain's House, on approximately 1.5 acres of land, for use as the harbor's administration building. (Title work and final conveyance is pending). Estimated market value for the Port Captain's House - \$100,000.

Tri-City Port, Granite City, Illinois (in-process) – The Tri-City Port has completed the application process to acquire approximately 750 acres of the U.S. Army Charles Melvin Price Support Center located in Granite City, Illinois. Title work for the first parcel consisting of 275 acres was completed in April of 2002. MARAD is currently processing the second parcel of approximately 250 acres. The Tri-City Port is developing an industrial park, a container handling facility, and additional Mississippi river lock facilities on this site. This Port expansion project is expected to increase inland river efficiency and tie the upper Mississippi River economy to growing NAFTA trade expansion opportunities. Estimated market value for the total acreage is - \$2.7 million.

Previously approved port conveyance projects

- Richland, Washington
- Port of Los Angeles, California (3)
- Port of Long Beach, California (2)
- Port of Stockton, California
- Davisville, Rhode Island.