SEMO Port in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, provides shippers ready access to all five modes of transportation: river, rail, highway, pipeline, and air. The port is an example of the important role small public ports have in shipping and exporting American-made goods up and down the Mississippi River.
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1. Shawneetown, IL
2. Metropolis, IL
3. Cairo, IL
4. Perryville, MO
5. Scott City, MO
6. New Madrid, MO
7. Caruthersville, MO
8. Paducah, KY
9. Wickliffe, KY
10. Benton, KY
11. Hickman, KY
12. Dyersburg, TN
13. Osceola, AR
14. McGehee, AR
15. Camden, AR
16. Clarksdale, MS
17. Rosedale, MS
18. Vicksburg, MS
19. Port Gibson, MS
20. Lake Providence, LA
21. West Monroe, LA
22. Tallulah, LA
23. Columbia, LA
25. Vidalia, LA
26. Simmesport, LA
27. Baton Rouge, LA
28. New Iberia, LA
29. New Orleans, LA
30. Franklin, LA

Maintaining the Economic Artery of the Delta Region

Nearly 10 million people in the Delta region and an estimated 15 million more in the Upper Mississippi region rely on the Mississippi River as a lifeline for economic development, agriculture, commerce, drinking water, food, and recreation. It is a major source of job creation, a vital support for our region’s communities and businesses, and the vehicle for our region to export Delta-made products to global marketplaces.

Of our nation’s inland and navigable waterways, an estimated 75 percent are within the Mississippi River system, making it the busiest water transportation artery in the country. This system supports a transportation industry that operates between $50 billion and $60 billion of commerce each year. Additionally, more than 1 million jobs rely directly on the Mississippi River through ports and terminals, freight and shipping, and agriculture.

Over the past 13 years, DRA has supported the small public ports that allow this river to succeed. With 19 small public ports directly on the Mississippi River, five major ports in southern Louisiana, and many more small ports on its tributaries, DRA’s focus on port and harbor infrastructure is an important part of strengthening the economy of the Delta region.

With an export economy of $2.35 trillion in 2014, Delta communities must take advantage of their greatest asset and resource for economic success: the Mississippi River system. The DRA remains committed to protecting and supporting the industries, economies, and people of the Delta region for whom the Mississippi River is our heart and soul and will continue to help small public ports maintain their harbors and provide modern infrastructure and services to traffic along the Mississippi River, creating opportunities for an export economy that will drive regional success.

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DRA’s investments in public ports provide jobs and economic opportunities to the region’s businesses and communities.

Small Public Port Investments 2002-2014

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2014 DRA Investments into Small Public Ports

Lake Providence, LA (20)

Lake Providence Port Rail Extension

Extension of the current rail line to accommodate the Mylant Succinic Acid biorefinery.

*DRA Investment $100,000

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## 2002-2013 DRA Investments into Small Public Ports

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| **West Monroe, LA (21)** | Greater Ouachita Port Commission  
Construction of an intermodal facility at the Greater Ouachita Port along the Ouachita River.  
**DRA Investment** $150,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $60,000  
**Total Project Cost** $210,000 |
| **St. Joseph, LA (24)** | Tensas Parish Police Jury  
Assist in construction of Phase 1 port development for land acquisition, access road, dolphins, and building renovations.  
**DRA Investment** $150,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $2,133,500  
**Total Project Cost** $2,283,500  
**Levared Private Investment** $150,000 |
| **Ouachita Terminals** | Building a new loading facility for a river port and park along the Ouachita River.  
**DRA Investment** $250,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $1,000,000  
**Total Project Cost** $1,250,000 |
| **Tallulah, LA (22)** | Madison Parish Port Commission  
**Infrastructure Improvements**  
Replacing rails, roads, and utilities to raise the levee.  
**DRA Investment** $221,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $2,010,000  
**Total Project Cost** $2,231,000 |
| **Columbia, LA (23)** | Madison Parish Port Rail Project  
**Restoration and enhancement of a railway**  
**serving facilities that utilize the Madison Parish Port, including the Complex Chemical Plant.**  
**DRA Investment** $100,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $15,000  
**Total Project Cost** $115,000 |
| **New Orleans, LA (29)** | Port Authority Road Paving  
Road paving to accommodate truck traffic in support of Crescent Crown’s distribution business.  
**DRA Investment** $299,490 |
| **Baton Rouge, LA (27)** | Millennium Port  
Feasibility study for Millennium Port, a planned super-container port between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.  
**DRA Investment** $293,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $800,000  
**Total Project Cost** $1,093,000 |
| **Tensas Parish Police Jury** | Tensas Parish Port Commission operations.  
**DRA Investment** $75,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $924,000  
**Total Project Cost** $999,000 |
| **Vidalia, LA (25)** | City of Vidalia Loading/Unloading Facility  
The project consists of building a loading/unloading facility in New Vidalia Industrial Park.  
**DRA Investment** $65,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $96,550  
**Total Project Cost** $161,550 |
| **New Iberia, LA (28)** | Millennium Port Expansion  
Construction of an additional slip at the Millennium Port.  
**DRA Investment** $114,648  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $8,067,706  
**Total Project Cost** $8,182,354 |
| **New Iberia, LA (28)** | New Iberia Shrimp Boat Ramp  
Improvements to a shrimp boat ramp to include repairing two piers, dredging the port, and making road improvements.  
**DRA Investment** $437,098 |
| **City of Vidalia Working Pad and Riverine Access Road** | Construction of a working pad and riverside access road, enhancing Vidalia Industrial Park.  
**DRA Investment** $150,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $2,297,264  
**Total Project Cost** $2,447,264  
**Levared Private Investment** $3,500,000 |
| **New Orleans, LA (29)** | Port of New Orleans, Nashville  
Marshalling Yard Project  
Improvements to the Nashville Marshalling Yard including sub-grade preparation/grading, pavement marking, engineering, inspection, administrative and legal expenses.  
**DRA Investment** $173,363  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $2,250,000  
**Total Project Cost** $2,423,363 |
| **Franklin, LA (30)** | Port of West St. Mary  
**Industrial Park Development**  
Installation of water, sewer, gas tap and main lines, roadway construction, sheet piles, and new slip dredging for an industrial park to accommodate the interests of a new business.  
**DRA Investment** $150,000  
**Leveraged Public Investment** $7,585,235  
**Total Project Cost** $7,735,236  
**Leveraged Private Investment** $7,000,000 |

### Notes
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