

Albany Port District Commission 2010 Accomplishments

Obtained \$4.5 Million in Federal Stimulus (ARRA) Funding to Rebuild Wharf. The Port was selected by New York State to be one of New York's transportation infrastructure projects to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") funding. The Port secured \$4.5 Million in Federal Stimulus during 2010 to rebuild almost 50% of the Port's Albany-riverside wharf/rail system (originally constructed in 1927 – complemented NYS Wharf Project, see next bullet). This project is about 70% complete (scheduled to be complete in spring/summer 2011). This work has employed 60 union construction workers during the economic slowdown.

Completed NYS Wharf Project that began in 2009. During 2009, the Port was selected by New York State to receive state funding of \$6.1 Million to rebuild 50% of the Port's Albany-riverside wharf system. This project, which lasted two years, was completed during 2010.

The wharf work, as a result of the above two projects (NYS and ARRA plus the Port's cost share of approximately \$1.2M), represents a total infrastructure investment of more than \$12 million and kept union workers employed on this important work for over two years.

Obtained \$980,000 Federal DHS Grant Monies for Security System Upgrades. The Port was also able to secure funding from the Port Security Grant Program administered by FEMA for 980,000 in upgrades to the security systems in the Port and the Corning Preserve.

Tonnage and Labor Increases Significantly in 2010. As of November 30th, the Port has handled 383,457 tons of cargo as compared to 228,177 tons for the same period in 2009. Longshore labor has logged 26,647 working hours without a single hour lost due to injury or accident. One new line of business was a Norfolk Southern Railroad intermodal transfer operation, working 24/7 with the railroad, shipping goods from rail to road.

Port Management partnered with Canadian and Great Lake Port Authorities in challenging a NYS DEC regulation on Ship Ballast Water, which if implemented in its present form in 2012 will cause the loss of hundreds of jobs and the closure of the Port of Albany, as well as several other Ports in the State of NY and neighboring states.

Other accomplishments:

- Improvements have been made to other Port structures including warehouses, the APDC Administration Building, APDC Maintenance Building, installing new roofing, energy efficient lighting including LED, and HVAC systems, new computer technology servers.
- Significant improvements to the Port website, improving public disclosure and transparency to Port operations and processes.

- Commissioners and all senior staff attended semi-annual Public Authority training seminars