



SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**THE GREAT LAKES
ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY SYSTEM –
CONNECTING NORTH AMERICA’S
“OPPORTUNITY BELT” TO THE WORLD**

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What is the SLSDC?

- A wholly-owned Government Corporation and an operating Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation
- Responsible for the operations and maintenance of the U.S. portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway between Montreal and Lake Erie
 - Maintaining and operating two U.S. Seaway locks
 - Economic development
 - Trade development
 - International coordination with the Canadian SLSMC
- Two locations
 - Washington, D.C. (Headquarters) – 13 employees
 - Massena, N.Y. (Operations) – 131 employees





Organization Mission and Vision

- The SLSDC operates and maintains the U.S. infrastructure and waters of the St. Lawrence Seaway, while performing trade development activities focused on economic development for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System.
- It's mission is to serve the marine transportation industry by providing a *safe, secure, reliable, and competitive* deep draft international waterway, in cooperation with the Canadian SLSMC.

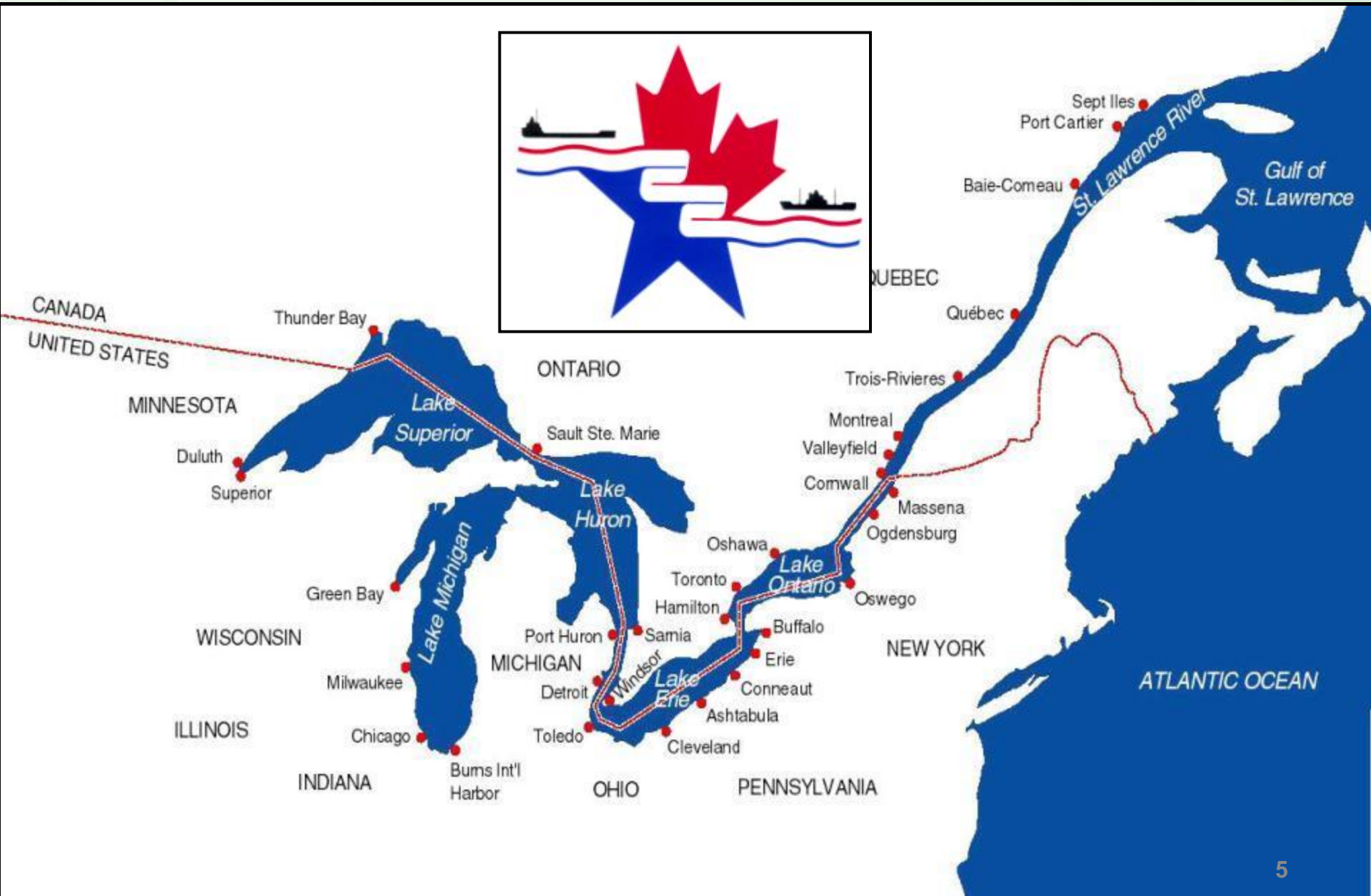


A connection between the Atlantic and the Great Lakes



A vessel transiting the Seaway crosses the international border 27 times between Montreal and Lake Erie.

Home to robust maritime trade



An Engineering Marvel...



Eisenhower Lock – October 1956

...Linking North America

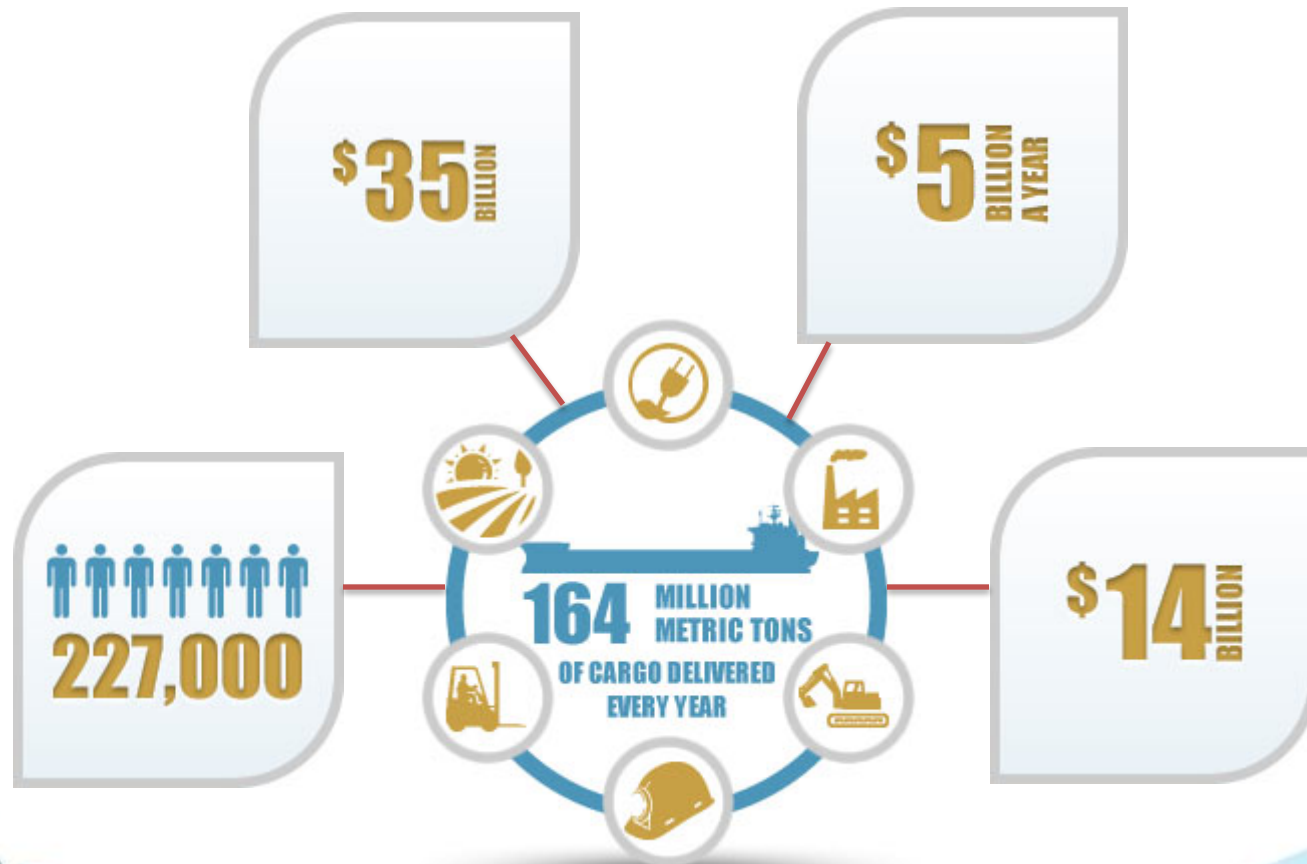


The Great Lakes Today

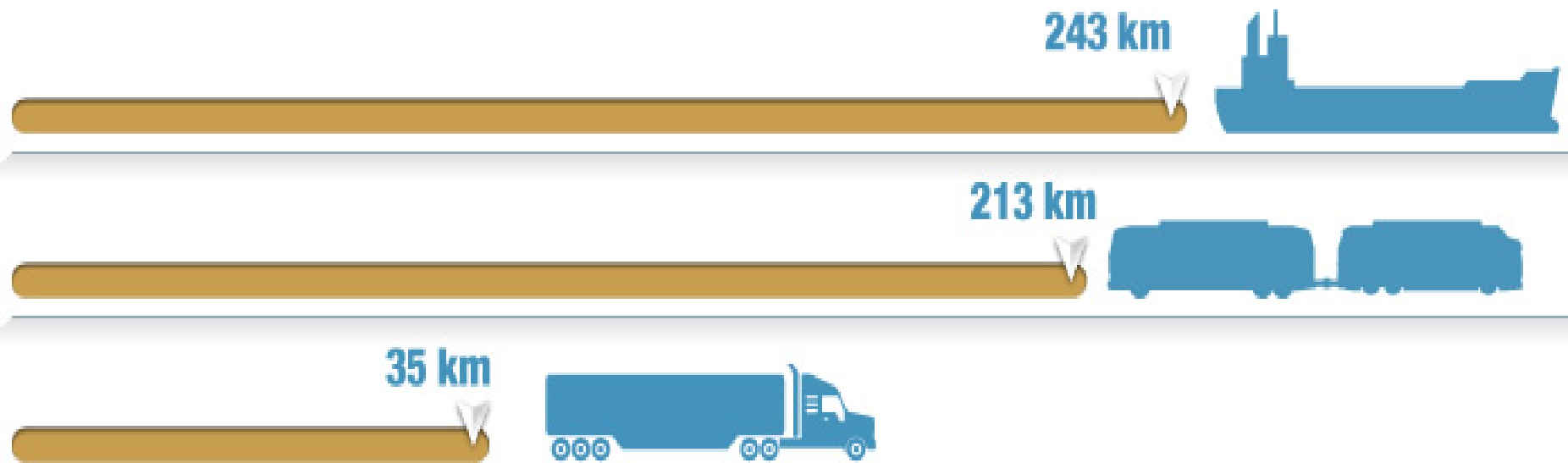
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 2011 (US\$ trillions)



Economic Impact of the Seaway



Realizing Maritime Efficiencies



Based on the maximum carrying capacity of Seaway-size vessel

Confidence in the System



The Seaway: A Model of Efficiency



U.S. Seaway System Reliability

98.2% in 2014



U.S. Seaway Lock Availability

99.7% in 2014



International Organization for Standardization

Ongoing certification with continued compliance



Collaboration with Customers

Biennial surveys and stakeholder outreach

Benefiting customers through organizational excellence

The Asset Renewal Program

A Serious Commitment to Reinvesting in the Seaway's Infrastructure

- Seaway Locks (Eisenhower and Snell)
- Corporation Equipment
- Seaway International Bridge
- Navigation Channel Dredging
- Corporation Facilities
- Seaway Operations
- Other Security-related Enhancements



60+ Projects
—
\$200 million

2009-2020





Thank you!

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