

## Economic Impacts of the Great Lakes-Seaway System

# Ontario

Economic Contribution	\$9.6 billion
Total Employment	64,000 Jobs
Personal Income	\$2.8 billion
Local Purchases	\$2.5 billion
Total Taxes Paid	\$1.2 billion

In Cdn \$ (2010)

Source: The Economic Impacts of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway Navigation System, Martin Associates (October, 2011).

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#### *Efficient, safe and sustainable transportation*

- With an extensive shoreline on Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron and Superior, over 34 Ontario ports handle more than 62 million metric tons of inbound and outbound cargo annually.
- Marine shipping provides the most cost effective mode of transport for many industries within the manufacturing centre of Ontario, which extends from Oshawa to the Niagara Peninsula down to Windsor and to Sarnia.
- Major steel producers depend on the Great Lakes-Seaway to receive shipments of iron ore, coal and limestone to their facilities at Hamilton, Nanticoke and Sault Ste. Marie to produce steel used in automobile, construction and consumer goods manufacturing.
- Salt producers at Goderich and Windsor rely on ships to transport salt to communities in Canada and the U.S. to keep icy roads safe during the winter months and to season food on the dinner table.
- Canadian and U.S.-based construction companies receive aggregates via vessels from the north shore of Lake Huron and Manitoulin Island for road construction and other infrastructure projects.
- Major refineries and manufacturers use ships to move petroleum and chemical products such as jet fuel, heating oil, and gasoline from the St. Clair River area to customers in Ontario and Great Lakes' destinations in the U.S.
- Ontario and Western farmers rely on Ontario ports to ship grain to domestic and overseas markets.

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