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**PORT OF GREEN BAY RECEIVES ADDITIONAL
\$3 MILLION FOR DREDGING**

Newest funding brings total to 6.4 million

(Green Bay) – The Port of Green Bay received an additional \$3 million in federal dollars for the dredging of the Green Bay Harbor during the 2010 fiscal year, bringing the total funding of the project to \$6.4 million.

The Port has had a backlog of dredging that needed to be completed in order to alleviate problems for ships carrying cargo into the port. “This is the third year of support from Senator Herb Kohl and Congressman Steve Kagen in incrementally tackling the port’s backlog dredging needs,” stated Dean Haen manager for the port of Green Bay. “Both Senator Kohl and Congressmen Kagen listened to our needs and recognized the important role the port has in our area economy.”

Haen also says that ships are close to being able to carry cargo at full capacity without fear of grounding. “The additional funding will ensure that the channel conditions will be appropriate for vessels to pass through which is critical to port operations,” Haen stated.

Dredging will allow an increase in efficiency and will help lower transportation costs which is critical for Northeast Wisconsin businesses especially during the current economic environment. “The 13 businesses on the Fox River are dependent upon the port to provide low-cost transportation of raw materials,” Haen stated. “The port provides the only competitive advantage which is imperative for these businesses to be successful.”

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In 2008, the Port had an economic impact of \$75 million and supported more than 600 jobs in Northeast Wisconsin. The port brought in more than 2 million tons of cargo which included limestone, forest products, coal, cement, liquid asphalt and salt – all of which are used by the agriculture, construction, home building, paper making and other manufacturing industries.

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