



# **SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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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.
- The SLSDC will be a model federal agency, leading the Great Lakes Seaway System as the safest and most efficient, competitive, technologically advanced, and environmentally responsible marine transportation system in the world.



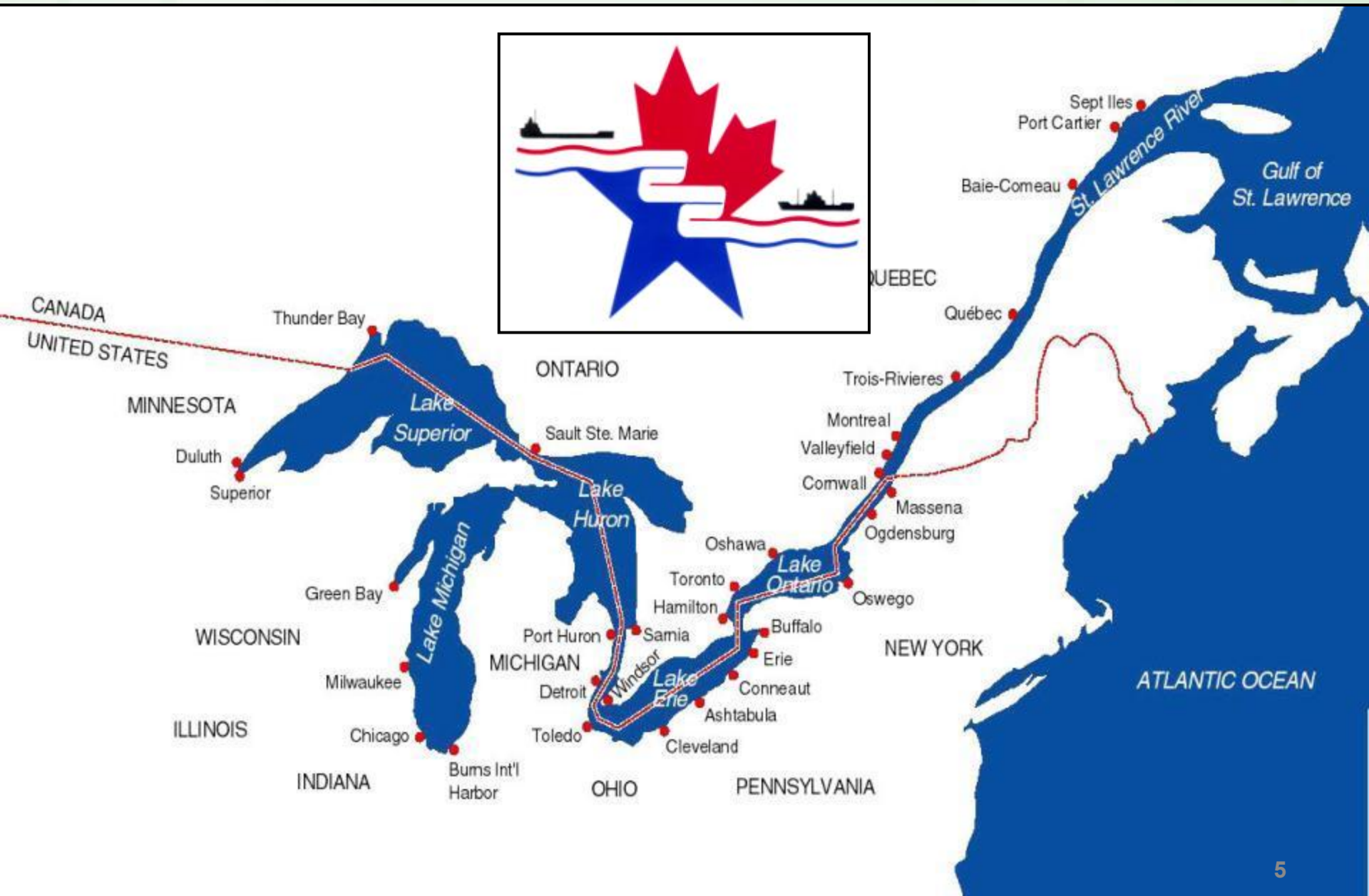
# A connection between the Atlantic and the Great Lakes



*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



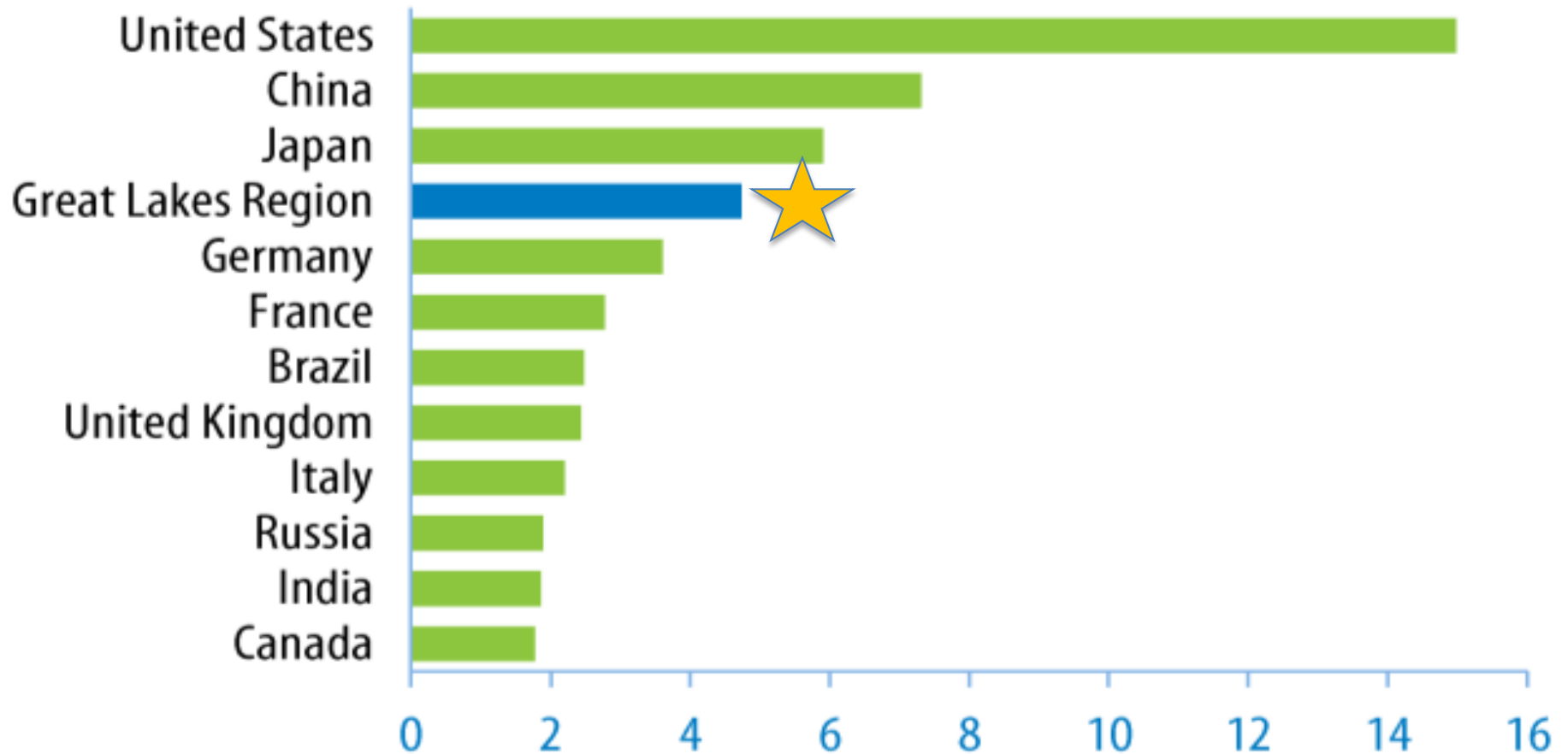
# ...Linking North America



# The Great Lakes Today

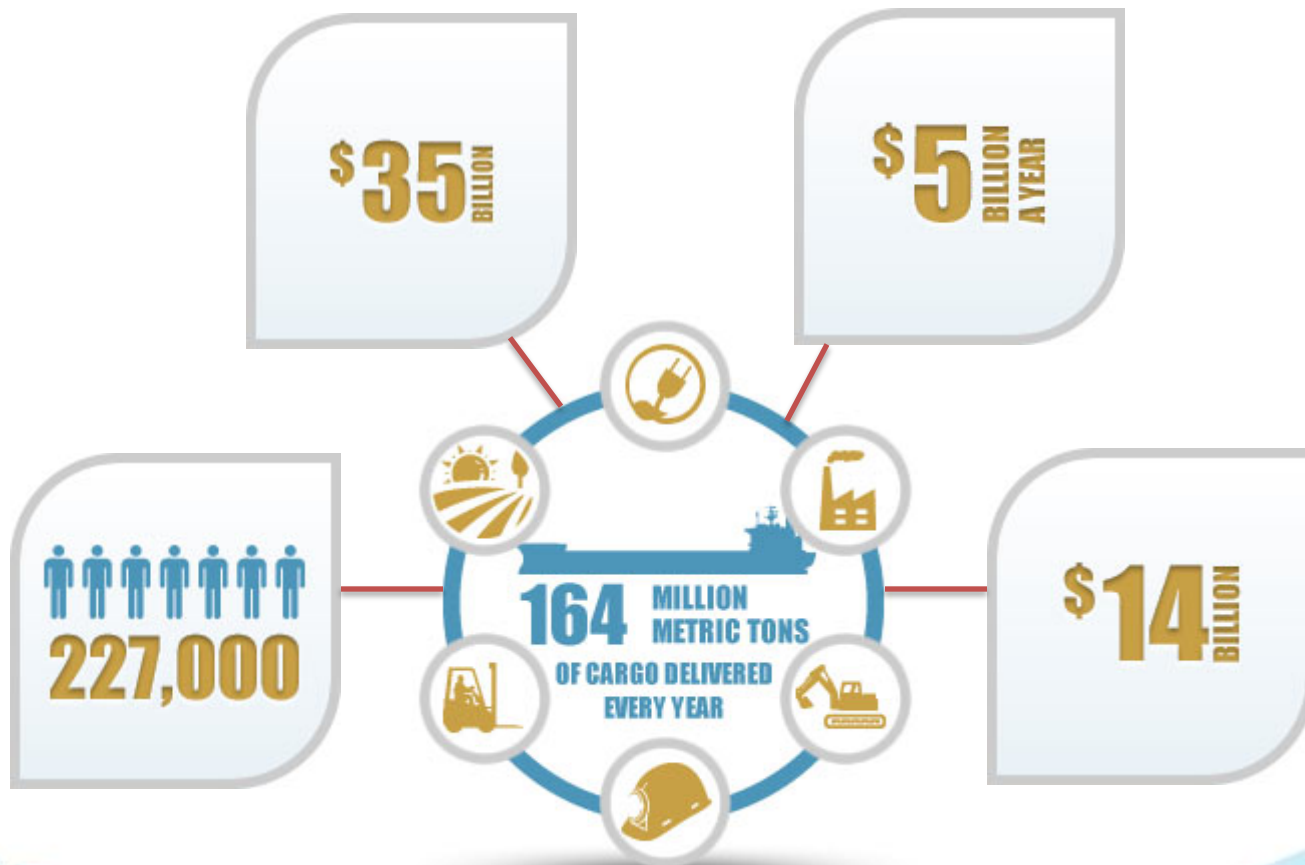
## GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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 Availability

98.3% in 2013



## U.S. Seaway Lock Availability

99.6% in 2013



## 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



**52 Projects**

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**\$172,000,000**

**2009-2018**



# Thank you!

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