



## Wellsville Intermodal Facility/Columbiana County



**Project Name** (ID Number): Overhead Bridge Crane at Wellsville Intermodal Facility (6027)

**Community** (County/City): Columbiana County, Village of Wellsville

**Project Description:** Construction of this overhead bridge crane and conveyor system will render the Port Authority's Intermodal Facility fully operational. This bridge crane will be able to transload cargo from a barge on the Ohio River to a truck (this phase already completed) or onto rail (to be completed) or to bulk cargo from barge to truck or rail by conveyor (to be completed). This expands the capabilities at Ohio's largest river port located at the northernmost point of the Ohio River in the U.S. and also provides international cargo access to the Ports of New Orleans and Mobile.

**Project Sponsor:** Columbiana County Port Authority

**Community Economic Distress Factors:** 6.79% unemployment rate, \$25,254 average annual income

**Economic Development Potential:** Ohio's future growth is tied to its ability to take advantage of its strategic location in North America and to become an intermodal freight hub. This project expands its capabilities with Ohio's largest river port to handle domestic and international cargo from the Ports of New Orleans and Mobile. These expanded capabilities will facilitate much needed economic development, including the attraction of companies like Beard Energy, who has commenced the development process to construct a new \$6 billion facility for the Ohio River Clean Fuels project near the Intermodal site. Because of the Intermodal Facility, Beard Energy picked Wellsville to build its 52,000 barrel per day Coal-to-Liquids facility. According to Beard, being located on the Ohio River gives the Wellsville site certain characteristics for an extremely high probability of long term success, including access to coal supply and the proximity to liquid fuel markets.

**Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor:** This project adds cargo handling capacity to three modes of transportation, while reducing highway congestion and fuel consumption by a modal shift to rail or water. The Ohio River operates at only 35% capacity. It will also allow seamless transshipment of cargo from barge to truck to rail car at Ohio's largest river port. Ohio is the nation's 4th largest maritime state by tonnage. Each barge tow will remove 870 semi trucks from Ohio's highways.

**Work to Begin:** Within 30 days

**Estimated Completion:** Approximately six months

**Stimulus Investment:** \$5,700,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$5,700,000