

# PORT OF INDIANA-BURNS HARBOR



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ports of Indiana is a statewide port authority, created by state legislation in 1961, charged with “promoting the agricultural, industrial and commercial development of the state” through the establishment of modern port facilities. Indiana has three ports in Burns Harbor, Mount Vernon and Jeffersonville that handle as much as \$1.89 billion in cargo shipments per year.

The **Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor** is a gateway to America’s Heartland for international shippers. It handles more ocean-going cargo than any other U.S. Great Lakes port and 15 percent of U.S. steel trade with Europe. The port is located in Portage, Ind., on the south shore of Lake Michigan just 18 miles from Chicago. The port handles international ships via the Great Lakes connection to the Atlantic Ocean and barges via inland river links to 38 states and the Gulf of Mexico. The port provides competitive advantages to companies that move cargo by water, rail and highway. Some steel companies save as much as \$10 per ton in logistics costs versus competitors by being at the port. As a multi-modal facility, the port handles an average of 500,000 trucks, 10,000 railcars, 400 barges and 100 ships per year – and has room to grow.

***CONSIDER THIS: The Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor is accessible year round.***

- The port has 600 acres of land, 30 tenant companies and 85 acres of available land.
- With 10+ steel companies and 3 steel mills, the port is a one-stop shop for steel processing.
- Rail served by Norfolk Southern and Indiana Harbor Belt with connections to all Class Is.
- Port has Foreign-Trade Zone status, 24-hour security and onsite healthcare facility.
- Port is zoned heavy industrial and does not have weight limits on port roads.

Many companies have taken advantage of the port’s maritime industrial park to develop onsite warehousing, distribution and manufacturing facilities in close proximity to the waterways and Chicago. Tenants benefit from the combination of industrial park services – including utilities and security – with unparalleled multi-modal transportation connections.