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Grants FY20 Extended to Arkansas Public Ports Development

LITTLE ROCK, AR (June 23rd, 2020) — The Arkansas Waterways Commission's Arkansas Port, Intermodal, and Waterway Development Grant Program benefits the public ports by reinvesting the ad valorem taxes paid by barge lines on the value of the barges traversing Arkansas' navigable waterways. This grant provides funds for public ports and intermodal authorities to make capital improvements and facilitates much needed dredging projects.

After the commission meeting held on June 23rd, 2020, it was decided that several grants from the FY20 season be extended to meet the needs of port development.

Three projects were approved for grant extensions as follows:

- A 30-day extension was approved to the Fort Smith Public Port Authority for the Reconstruction and repair of the port facility from damage caused by 2019 flood event.
- A 30-day extension was approved to the Little Rock Port Authority for the construction of a heavy equipment connector road, and the construction of an employee safe room for weather events.
- A 30-day extension was approved to the Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority for the outdated crane system upgrades.
- A 90-day extension was approved to the Crossett Port Authority for the expansion of storage space in Warehouse #2 to meet the needs of the Rescue Unit.