



Northwest Arkansas Regional Port, (formerly Lavaca Port, AR)

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**FACT SHEET as of 20 April
2012**

AUTHORIZATION: Section 107
of the River and Harbors Act of
1960, as amended.

TYPE OF PROJECT:
Continuing Authorities Program
(CAP)

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Pryor (AR) and Boozman (AR); Representative
Womack (AR-03)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Western Arkansas Regional Intermodal Transportation Authority
(RITA)

BACKGROUND: The local sponsor, the Western Arkansas Regional Intermodal Transportation Authority, requested a study to determine the need for a slack water harbor on the right descending bank of the Arkansas River, referred to as the Vache Grasse Port Site at Navigation Mile 288.5 or the left bank of the Arkansas River at Navigation Mile 297, referred to as the Crawford County Levee Port Site. Vache Grasse Creek is located in Lavaca, which is about 10 miles east of Fort Smith, Arkansas, in Sebastian County. The Port Authority understands their cost sharing requirements and local responsibilities. Four alternatives were evaluated and all sites are located along the Arkansas River between Fort Smith, AR, and Ozark, AR. One site is at N.M. 297 on the left bank and is referred to as the Crawford County Levee Port Site; another site is between N.M. 291.1 and N.M. 290.5 on the right bank and is referred to as the Fort Chaffee Port Site; the third site is at N.M. 288.5 on the right bank and is referred to as the Vache Grasse Park Port Site (formally referred to as the Lavaca Port Site); and the fourth site is at N.M. 258 on the left bank and is referred to as the Ozark Port Site. All alternatives are well within the navigation servitude. Preliminary project construction costs on some of the sites are estimated at approximately \$10,000,000.

STATUS: Work is continuing on the draft report. The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) is scheduled to be signed on or before 30 July 2012.

ISSUES: None.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):

Federal Cost Estimate
Non-Federal Cost Estimate
Total Project Cost

FEASIBILITY

\$150,000
50,000
\$200,000

Allocation thru FY 2010	\$ 50,000
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	-\$ 19,000 ^{1/}
Allocation for FY 2012	\$ 69,000
President Budget FY 2013	0
Amount That Could Be Used in FY 2013	\$50,000
Balance to Complete	\$50,000

^{1/} Funds in the amount of \$19,165 were revoked to fund the \$100M rescission required in the FY2011 full year CR and to fund high priority projects.

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Funds allocated in FY 2012 in the amount of \$69,165 will be used to sign the FCSA, currently scheduled to be executed on or before 30 July 2012.

FY 2013 Budget: Project is not included in the President's FY 2013 budget. Funds in the amount of \$50,000 could be used to complete the feasibility phase.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding, the study completion date is 2014.

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