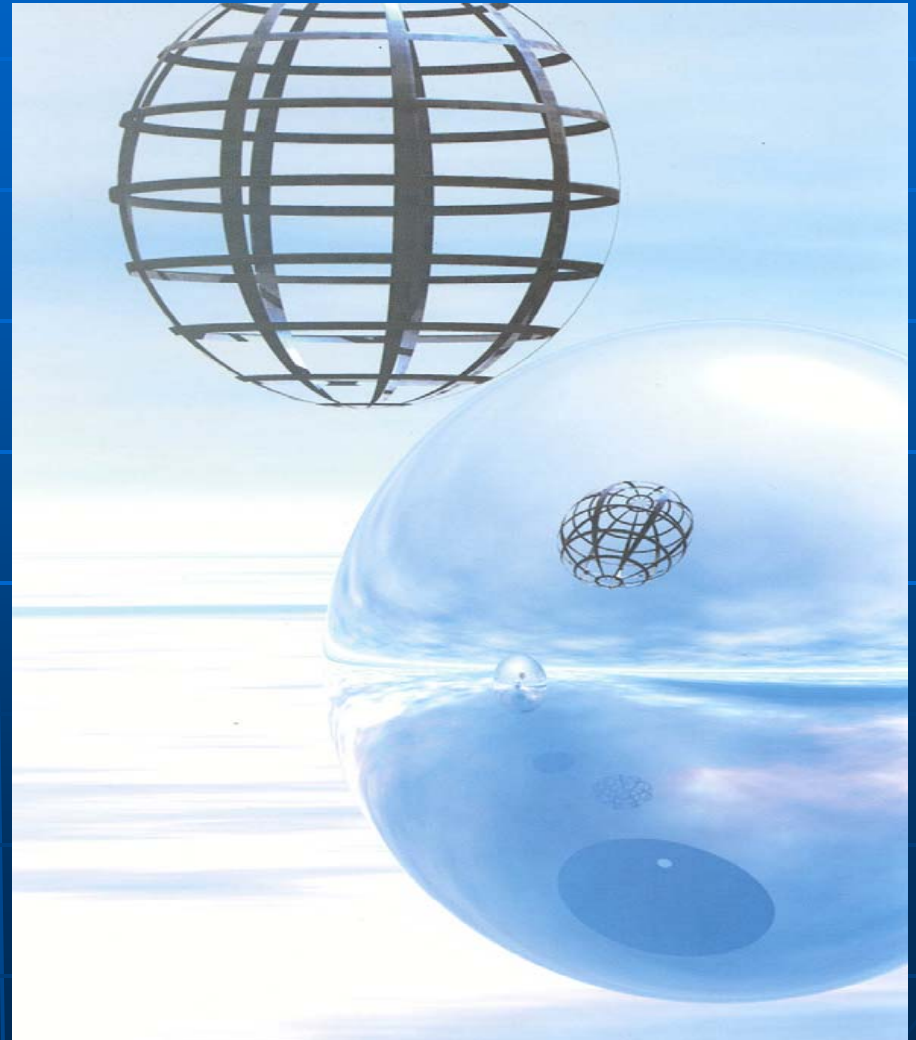


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Access to Global Opportunity

A Proactive Look
Into Our
Economic Future



Get Ready to Run

Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up.
It knows it must run faster than the lion
or it will be killed.

Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up.
It knows that it must outrun the gazelle
or it will starve.

It doesn't matter if you're a gazelle
or a lion.

When the sun comes up,
you'd better start running!

Thomas L. Friedman

New Physical and Economic Links

ARC

- Education
- Health Care
- Infrastructure
- Business Development
- Leadership Development
- Energy
- Telecommunication
- Transportation

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Emerging Strategic Highway System: Appalachian Development Highway System and Connecting Interstate Highways

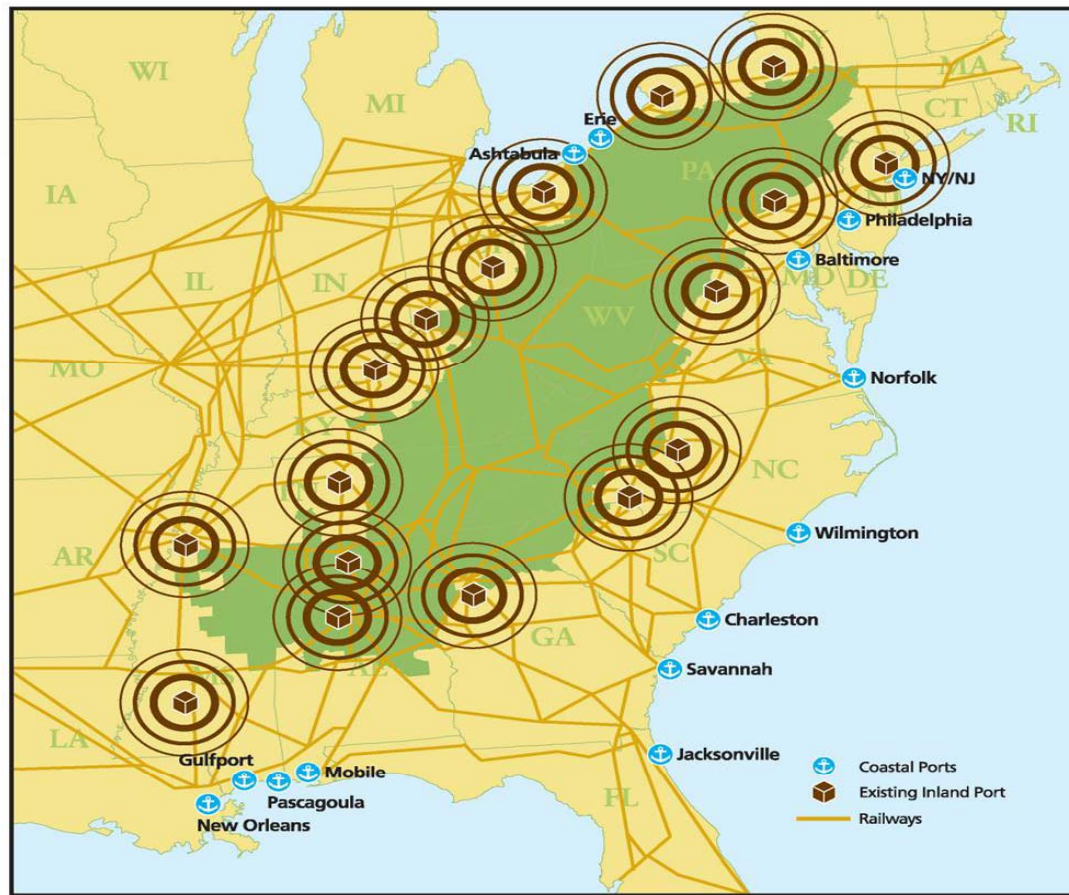


Inland Port Locations

The 71% Disadvantage

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Inland Container Ports



Launching Network Appalachia

Net "A" Study Group

1. Transportation
2. International Trade
3. Economic Development

Macro-Economic Patterns

Demographic Trends

Production & Consumption

Commodity Flow/Trade Lanes

Global Supply Chain



Positioning for Success

Strategic Vision, Innovation, Collaboration, & Commitment

Virginia Inland Port

Established 1985
220 miles Inland
50,000 Containers/year

Construction: 6.25 million sq ft
Investment: \$650 million
Employment: 7,000 new jobs

Huntsville, Alabama Heartland Corridor Regional Forums



Network Appalachia Findings

- Global Trade +64 fold over 6 decades
- Long-term economic growth, plus:
 - Intermodal supply chain
 - Telecomm & information technology
 - Market expansion
- Trade lane volumes continue to grow
- Supply chain is intermodal, ports are gateways
- Access is essential to competitiveness

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Intermodal Corridors of Commerce & Inland Ports

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Intermodal Corridors of Commerce (Existing and in Development)



Framework for Success

Planning

Strategic vision & developmental path

Advocacy

Innovative & collaborative partnerships

Commitment

Successful translation of vision & plans to reality

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