

CARRIER SURVEY

(Personal Interview)

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Name of Firm: _____

Name of Parent Firm: _____

Name of Interviewee: _____

Job Title of Interviewee: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____



1. What is the largest number of towboats that you have operated at any one time during the past three years?

_____ TOWBOATS OPERATED

2. What is the largest number of towboats you have owned at any one time during the past three years?

_____ TOWBOATS OWNED

3. Please give the name, horsepower, year built, and average number of barges pushed for each of the towboats you own:

	<u>TOWBOAT NAME:</u>	<u>HORSEPOWER:</u>	<u>YEAR BUILT:</u>	<u>AVE. NO. BARGES:</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. How many total towboat leases have you made to other companies during the past three years?

_____ TOWBOAT LEASES

5. What is the largest number of barges that you have operated at any one time during the past three years?

_____ BARGES OPERATED

6. How many of the barges that you have operated during the past three years have you leased from other companies?

LEASED _____ BARGES FROM OTHERS

7. In the left column, please list the major commodities that your firm transports by water. Then for each commodity, please list the origin, destination, typical annual tonnage, and rate per ton.

COMMODITY	MOST FREQUENT ORIGIN	MOST FREQUENT DESTINATION	ANNUAL TONNAGE	RATE/TON
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				

8. Does your firm transport commodities which are regulated because they are of a hazardous or environmentally sensitive nature? (CIRCLE)

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

9. If yes, please list those regulated commodities, their origin, destination, and tonnage.

COMMODITY	MOST FREQUENT ORIGIN	MOST FREQUENT DESTINATION	ANNUAL TONNAGE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

10. If you could not ship your commodities by waterway, which of the following would you do? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. SWITCH MODES OF TRANSPORT
- 2. CHANGE ORIGIN
- 3. CHANGE DESTINATION
- 4. SUBSTITUTE OTHER PRODUCTS
- 5. GO OUT OF BUSINESS
- 6. OTHER (Please Explain:)

11. What percent of time are your barges and towboats:

- 1. Idle due to lack of business?
 - _____ % of TIME for BARGES
 - _____ % of TIME for TOW BOATS

- 2. Loading and unloading?
 - _____ % of TIME for BARGES
 - _____ % of TIME for TOW BOATS

3. Engaged in fleeting operations?

_____ % of TIME for BARGES

_____ % of TIME for TOW BOATS

4. Used in general towing?

_____ % of TIME for BARGES

_____ % of TIME for TOW BOATS

5. Used in dedicated towing?

_____ % of TIME for BARGES

_____ % of TIME for TOW BOATS

Totals

100% of TIME for BARGES

100% of TIME for TOW BOATS

12. For what percentage of trips, on average, do your TOW BOATS bring BACKHAULS?

_____ % OF TRIPS

13. What percentage of the barges you use are involved in fleeting?

_____ %

14. Are there any trends in equipment technology, such as bigger or more efficient TOW BOAT engines that may benefit your firm in the future? (CIRCLE)

1 NO

2 YES (Please explain:)

15. Please give your average total operating costs per mile, for each waterway you use:

<u>Waterways You Use</u>	<u>Operating Costs</u>
1. _____	_____ \$/Mile
2. _____	_____ \$/Mile
3. _____	_____ \$/Mile

16. For each type of work (list below), please give the number of Full Time and Part Time employees in your firm and the average hourly wage for each type:

<u>Type of Work:</u>	<u>Number Full Time</u>	<u>Number Part Time</u>	<u>Average Hourly Wages</u>
1. Captains	_____		_____ \$/Hour
		_____	_____ \$/Hour
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2. Pilots	_____		_____ \$/Hour
		_____	_____ \$/Hour
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3. Deck Hands	_____		_____ \$/Hour
		_____	_____ \$/Hour
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4. Other Employees			
(What Kind? _____)			
	_____		_____ \$/Hour
		_____	_____ \$/Hour

17. For each waterway you use, please give your barge rates per ton and the cost to shipper for inventory (storage), for each major commodity you carry, and the major origin and destination combinations between which commodities are shipped.

(Use a separate line for each combination of commodity, origin, and destination.)

A. Waterway Name: _____

<u>Commodity Names:</u>	<u>Origin:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Inventory Rate/Ton</u>	<u>Cost/Ton</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

B. Waterway Name: _____

<u>Commodity Names:</u>	<u>Origin:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Inventory Rate/Ton</u>	<u>Cost/Ton</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

C. Waterway Name: _____

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(Please attach your shipping rate schedule.)

18. Have you experienced any problems using any particular waterway?

- 1. NO
- 2. YES (Please Specify:)

19. If Yes, how would correcting the problem(s) affect your operations?

20. Please give any recommendations you may have for improvements the Corps of Engineers could make on particular segments of the waterways you use.
