

RIVER TRANSPORTATION CHOICE AND NEEDS SURVEY

(Personal Interview)

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ELEVATOR CHARACTERISTICS

For each of the following questions, please answer for Warehouse Location

Q1. What is the primary commodity you ship from this elevator?

_____ name of commodity

Q2. How large was your last single outbound shipment (payload weight)?

_____ payload weight

please check the type of unit for this weight

- ₁ Tons ₂ Bushels ₃ Cwt.
₄ Gallons ₅ Other (specify: _____)

Q3. At this location, do you have loading or unloading capabilities for...

	Loading		Unloading	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
a. Trucks.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
b. Barges.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
c. Rail Cars.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂

Q3b. If NO to Barge loading capability, how close is the nearest barge loading facility to this facility?

_____ miles

Q3c. If NO to Rail loading capability, how close is the nearest rail loading facility to this facility?

_____ miles

Q4. What type (or mode) of transportation do you use most often for your freight shipments from this location? (*Check all that apply*)

- ₁ Private Truck
- ₂ For-Hire Truck
- ₃ Barge
- ₄ Rail
- ₅ Other (Please specify: _____)

For the following three sections, consider your response to Q7 as the “Original” shipment mode and your response to Q8 as the “Alternative” shipment mode. We would like to learn what circumstances would cause you to switch from the Original shipment modes to the Alternative at this location.

TRANSPORTATION RATE

Q9. If the transportation rate increased **«Percent change1»%**, would you switch to the alternative at this location or continue with the original mode and destination?

- ₁ Switch to Alternative mode → Skip to Q10
₂ Continue to use Original mode

Q9a. If continue to use Original mode, what percentage increase in the transportation rate would be necessary to cause you to switch to the Alternative transportation mode?

_____ % increase

TRANSIT TIME

Q10. If the transit time (including scheduling and wait for equipment) for the original option increased **«Percent change1»%**, would you switch to the alternative at this location or continue with the original mode and destination?

- ₁ Switch to Alternative mode → Skip to Q11
₂ Continue to use Original mode

Q10a. If continue to use Original mode, what percentage increase in the transit time would be necessary to cause you to switch to the Alternative transportation mode?

_____ % increase

RELIABILITY

Q11. If the reliability (percentage of time shipments arrived on-time) of the original option decreased **«Percent change1»%**, would you switch to the alternative at this location or continue with the original mode and destination?

- ₁ Switch to Alternative mode → Skip to Q12
₂ Continue to use Original mode

Q11a. If continue to use Original mode, what percentage decrease in the reliability would be necessary to cause you to switch to the Alternative transportation mode?

_____ % decrease

ELEVATOR CHARACTERISTICS

Q12. How long has this elevator been at its current location?

_____ years

Q13. How important were logistic costs in determining your current plant location?

- ₁ Very important
- ₂ Somewhat important
- ₃ Not very important
- ₄ Not important at all
- ₅ Not applicable

Q14. If you were offered an alternative plant location that would result in lower logistic and transportation costs, what percentage decrease in logistics and transportation costs would be necessary to induce you to relocate?

_____ % decrease in costs

Check here if you would not relocate.

Q15. What modes of transportation do you commonly use for inbound and outbound shipments (check all that apply) and what percentage of your shipments does each mode comprise?

	Inbound Shipments			Outbound Shipments		
	Is this mode used?		What percentage of your total shipments come in this way?	Is this mode used?		What percentage of your total shipments go out this way?
	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Private Truck.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %
For-Hire Truck.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %
Barge	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %
Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	_____ %

Q16. How many rail cars can be loaded or unloaded at your facility at a given time?

_____ # of cars

Check here if you cannot load or unload rail cars at this facility.

Q17. Thinking about the commodity you ship most often, what was the average commodity price over the last three years in your county before it was shipped?

_____ price per unit

please check the type of unit for this commodity

- ₁ Tons ₂ Bushels ₃ Cwt.
₄ Gallons ₅ Other (specify: _____)

Q18. How large is this elevator facility?

_____ Total Amount of Annual Units Shipped

please check the type of unit for this elevator

- ₁ Tons ₂ Bushels ₃ Cwt.
₄ Gallons ₅ Other (specify: _____)

_____ Total Amount of Storage Capacity

please check the type of unit for this elevator

- ₁ Tons ₂ Bushels ₃ Cwt.
₄ Gallons ₅ Other (specify: _____)