

HMTF DISCUSSION

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HMTF Quick Update

- **HMTF Reform Language in both House and Senate**
- **Different, but similar approaches, but bi-partisan support**
- **Conference Committee Next**
- **Senate Conferees Appointed, House Next**
- **End of Year Passage?**



Have you heard about the RAMP group?

- **Success has many fathers.**
- **Simple message easily communicated**
- **Earmark ban focused on coalition building**
- **Navigation budget increasing**
- **Sandy Supplemental included O&M**
- **Surface Transportation Bill**



Coalition building has been the difference

- **Regional associations key**
- **Port associations**
 - Each had own message**
 - Sacrifices made**
- **Maintaining consistent message**
- **Reaching outside the choir**



Future of RAMP/HMTF coalitions

Commodities

soy, grain, coal, manufacturers

Major groups

Chamber of commerce

API

NAM

AAPA

ARTBA, AGC

NGO's

Part of broader infrastructure discussion.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock
Corporation



Future is getting money in Presidents budget

- **Advocacy for Corps**
- **DOC – NEI, supply chain discussion, treaty discussions**
- **DOT – MARAD, Surface transportation discussions**
- **Governors – RGA – Port infrastructure, DGA, infrastructure**
- **Getting President interested.. talking/visiting/knowledge**

Show me the money..



Work to do..

- **Foundation is the need for the funds. Not fairness.**
- **Need increase budget allocation and Presidential budget**
- **Corps - Capability list of Corps, execution key**
- **Get other talking about us.**
- **Ports are important.**
- **It all starts with dredging.**



THANKS

