

# KENTUCKY PUBLIC RIVERPORT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE (KPRCM) APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** A guidance document is provided to assist in completing the application packet and may be accessed at <https://transportation.ky.gov/MultimodalFreight/Pages/KPRCM.aspx>  
See the guidance document for required attachments and acceptable methods of submittal.

## SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

|                                 |              |                                |                           |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>PUBLIC RIVERPORT NAME</b>    |              | <b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>      | <b>KPRCM FUND REQUEST</b> |
| Owensboro Riverport Authority   |              | \$111,207.00                   | \$111,207.00              |
| <b>STREET ADDRESS</b>           | <b>CITY</b>  | <b>STATE</b>                   | <b>ZIP</b>                |
| 1771 River Road                 | Owensboro    | KY                             | 42301                     |
| <b>CONTACT NAME &amp; TITLE</b> | <b>PHONE</b> | <b>EMAIL</b>                   |                           |
| Brian Wright, President & CEO   | 270-663-4034 | bwright@owensbororiverport.com |                           |

## SECTION 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>PROJECT TITLE</b>       | <b>DURATION</b> |
| Barge cover lifter project | 3 months weeks  |

### FACILITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED PROJECT

☒ Owned by Riverport Authority ☐ Leased to:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT** (Provide a brief project description and the proposed work to be completed. Text is limited to the space provided below.)

The purchase of a barge cover lifter is an investment in modernizing the barge handling services of the riverport and will help reduce operational delays when staffing levels are low. The unit will also improve workplace safety by eliminating the need for operators to aid in cover removal and replacement along open water, uneven surfaces, changing weather conditions, and wet equipment. In addition, the project supports faster vessel turns, improved throughput, and enhanced service reliability for our customers and regional industry partners.

**Select ONE:** ☐ Applicant plans to use their own manpower, equipment, or materials on the project (Force Account).  
☒ Applicant plans to competitively bid out all work related to the project.

| TRAFFIC             | CURRENT | AFTER PROJECT |
|---------------------|---------|---------------|
| Trucks per day      | 200-225 | 200-225       |
| Train cars per week | 50-60   | 50-60         |
| Barges per week     | 11-12   | 11-12         |

## SECTION 3: PERMITS AND APPROVALS

|                                                                                                                                                                                        | YES                      | NO                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Has the applicant consulted with state and federal agencies (US Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, US Fish & Wildlife Service, KY Division of Water, KY Heritage Council, etc.)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Has state and federal agency consultation determined permits are needed?                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Have all required permits (environmental, encroachment, etc.) been obtained?                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>Date Received:</b><br><b>Application Complete?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Eligible Applicant?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Permits Needed?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <b>WTAB Approval</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Sec. Approval</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>Award Amount:</b> _____<br><b>Award Date:</b> _____ | <b>Notification of Award:</b> _____<br><b>MOA #:</b> _____<br><b>Notice to Proceed:</b> _____ |
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**SECTION 4: PROJECT EVALUATION**

**A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S CRITICALITY AND TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ON RIVERPORT OPERATIONS AND KENTUCKY'S MULTIMODAL FREIGHT NETWORK** *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

The purchase of a barge cover lifter is a critical investment in the riverport's ability to maintain efficient, safe, and reliable daily operations while supporting Kentucky's multimodal freight network. The project will eliminate the current need for additional manual manpower to handle barge covers/lids, creating a more efficient cargo-handling process and allowing the port to move more freight with existing resources.

**B. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT AND ABILITY TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS, INDUSTRY, AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT** *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

Owensboro Riverport handled 511,000 net tons via barge in FY 2026. The addition of this equipment to modernize operations is expected to reduce manhours spent by up to 3 man hours per barge and will support economic growth by allowing continued increased in our capacity to handle volume without the need of additional manpower to complete the work. The modern equipment will allow high-skilled labor to perform value added revenue generating work in other areas.

**C. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S ABILITY TO IMPROVE SAFETY, PRESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IMPROVE RESILIENCY** *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

The project will reduce the need for employees to work directly on or around the barge during cover removal and replacement and will reduce the potential for a man overboard event. Working around open water, uneven surfaces, changing weather conditions, and wet equipment presents hazards that will be mitigated. The project will reduce the amount of time employees are required to work in these higher-risk areas.

**D. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S READINESS & DELIVERABILITY AND LIKELIHOOD THE PROJECT CAN PROCEED EFFICIENTLY AND SUCCESSFULLY** *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

The project does not require major construction, permitting, or changes to the riverport's existing transportation infrastructure, which significantly reduces implementation risk and allows the project to move forward efficiently. The barge cover lifter is a proven piece of equipment that will be integrated into the riverport's current operations and used by existing personnel.

**E. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S FINANCIAL LEVERAGE & PARTNERSHIP AND WHETHER THE PROJECT LEVERAGES OUTSIDE INVESTMENT OR PARTNERSHIPS** *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

The proposed project will be funded through the requested grant assistance. At this time, no additional outside funding sources or formal financial partnerships are being considered for the project. Although the project does not include additional financial investment from outside partners, it directly supports the riverport's existing customer base and the private-sector businesses that depend on the facility for efficient and reliable freight handling.

**F. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO KENTUCKY AND BROADER STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE** *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

The barge cover lifter represents a targeted capital investment with the potential to generate a significant operational benefit. By eliminating a labor-intensive bottleneck, the project will improve the speed, reliability, and efficiency of terminal barge operations while strengthening the connection between Kentucky's inland waterways and its highway and rail freight network.

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**SECTION 5: SUBMISSION CHECKLIST** *(See guidance document for details.)*

- ☒ Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM) Application (TC 59-113)
- ☒ Statement of Work
- ☒ Scope of Work
- ☒ Purchase quote or cost estimate for the project
- ☒ Project Schedule/Timeline
- ☒ Maps, aerial photos, drawings, and photographs, as needed
- ☐ Engineering plans, schematics, details, drawings of the proposed project, as needed
- ☐ Copies of all correspondence or evidence of consultation that has occurred with state and federal agencies, if applicable
- ☒ Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors from applicant

**SECTION 6: CERTIFICATION**

I have read the Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance Project Guidance Document and understand and agree to abide by what is stated therein. I agree that incomplete applications, applications missing any of the above required supporting documents, or applications received after the deadline, will be deemed ineligible by Division staff without consideration for KPRCM funds and returned to applicant. I also hereby certify, subject to the provision of KRS 523.100 (unsworn falsification to authorities), that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

| PRINTED NAME & TITLE          | SIGNATURE                                                                          | DATE    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Brian Wright, President & CEO |  | 9-30-26 |

Completed applications and all required attachments must be submitted electronically in PDF format. Paper copies will not be accepted. Emailed applications must be received by the Division by date indicated in call for projects. PDF copies shall be sent via email to the address indicated in the call for projects.



## KPRCM Application

Applicant Name: Owensboro Riverport Authority

Project Title: Barge cover lifter project

Date Submitted: September 30, 2026

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September 30, 2026

RE: Barge cover lifter project

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Owensboro Riverport Authority (ORA) is proud to be one of Kentucky's leading public riverports, moving nearly 1 million tons of cargo in fiscal year 2026 through integrated river, rail, and road operations. We are respectfully submitting our application for funding through the Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM) program to support critical infrastructure improvements.

Your consideration of this request is vital to ensuring ORA can continue to meet the evolving transportation demands of our region and support statewide economic growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Wright  
President/CEO

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## Statement of Work

In FY 2026, ORA facilitated the movement of 511,000 tons via barge of commodities inbound, a core aspect of our operational throughput and a critical service to our customers and the regional industrial base. ORA's 340-acre facility includes multiple river docks where barge services occur. Timely turns of these barges are essential to maintaining the flow of unloading and loading operations. ORA currently requires all barges to be covered during the months of December- March in addition to all dry bulk commodity barges having covers in place.

Under current operations, additional workforce is needed to remove and replace covers from each barge before unloading can begin. There are times when work is delayed due to all staff being unavailable to assist a crane operator with cover removal or replacement. This bottleneck increases dwell time of barges and consumes manpower resources that are pulled away from revenue generating work causing delays, inefficiencies, and additional safety risks within the operation.

This unit will be an investment in modernizing the barge handling services of the riverport, eliminate operational delays when staffing levels are low, and improve workplace safety by eliminating the need for operators to aid in cover removal or replacement along open water, uneven surfaces, changing weather conditions, and wet equipment. In addition, the project supports faster barge turns, improved throughput, and enhanced service reliability for our customers and regional industry partners.

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## Scope of Work

The Owensboro Riverport Authority (ORA) will procure a barge cover lifter to establish increased efficiencies and decrease work related hazard potential for barge loading and unloading services. The project will follow a competitive bidding process in accordance with procurement policies. Upon receipt and evaluation of bids, ORA will award the contract and place the order for the new equipment. The barge cover lifter will be integrated into daily operations upon delivery to immediately improve handling efficiency and safety within terminal operations.

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## Detailed Budget

### Barge cover lifter project

| Line Item                     | Amount     |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Barge cover lifter attachment | \$ 111,207 |
|                               |            |
| Grand Total                   | \$ 111,207 |

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# ESTIMATE

**TSF Marine Equipment, LLC**  
10718 War Admiral Drive  
Union, Kentucky 41091  
United States

314-934-7086

**BILL TO**  
**Owensboro Riverport Authority**  
Brian Wright  
1771 River Road  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301  
United States

(270) 663-4034  
bwright@owensbororiverport.com

**Estimate Number:** 26-20  
**Estimate Date:** May 12, 2026  
**Valid Until:** June 11, 2026  
**Grand Total (USD):** \$117,720.42

| Items                                                                                            | Quantity | Price        | Amount              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>The Claw Barge Cover Lifter with T Bucket</b><br>Will provide serial number once manufactured | 1        | \$108,557.00 | \$108,557.00        |
| <b>Shipping</b>                                                                                  | 1        | \$2,650.00   | \$2,650.00          |
| <b>Subtotal:</b>                                                                                 |          |              | \$111,207.00        |
| Kentucky 6%:                                                                                     |          |              | \$6,513.42          |
| <b>Grand Total (USD):</b>                                                                        |          |              | <b>\$117,720.42</b> |



## Project Schedule and Timeline

### Barge cover lifter project

January 2027 – Issue request for Bid for equipment

February 2027 – Review, award bid, place equipment order

March 2027 – Delivery of equipment

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## Project Photos Barge cover lifter project



Engineering plans, schematics, details, drawings of the proposed project: Not Applicable

Copies of correspondence or consultation with state and federal agencies: Not Applicable

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**Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors  
and Contractors**  
(KRS 45A.110 & 45A.115)

**Affidavit Effective for One (1) Year from Date of Execution**

**Instructions:** Pursuant to KRS 45A.110 and 45A.115, a bidder, offeror, or contractor ("Contractor") is required to submit a Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors, and Contractors to be awarded a contract, or for the renewal of a contract. An authorized representative of the contracting party must complete the attestation below, have the attestation notarized, and return the completed affidavit to the Commonwealth.

**Attestation**

As a duly authorized representative for the Contractor, I swear and affirm under penalty of perjury, that that the Contractor has not knowingly violated campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and that the award of a contract will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth. For purposes of this attestation, "Knowingly" means that the bidder or offeror is aware or should have been aware of the existence of a violation. The bidder or offer understands that the Commonwealth retains the right to request an updated affidavit at any time.

Brian Wright  
Signature  
President  
Title

Brian Wright  
Printed Name  
9-30-26  
Date

Bidder or Offeror Name:

Address:

Owensboro Riverport Authority  
1771 River Road  
Owensboro, Ky 42301

Commonwealth of Kentucky Vendor Code (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of September, 2026.

State of: Kentucky

Notary: Carol Huff KNP 70213

County of: Daviess

My Commission Expires: May 21, 2027