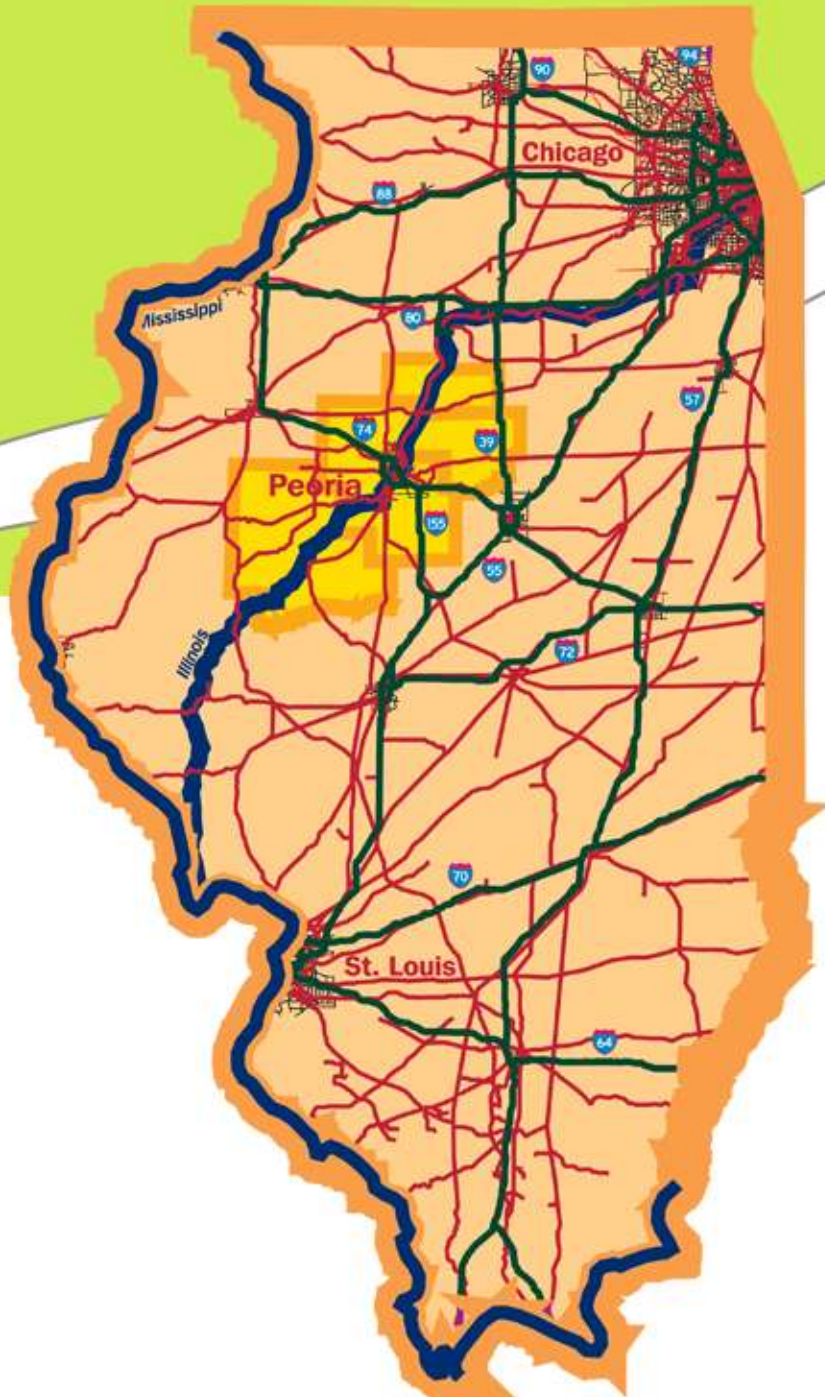


Heart of Illinois Regional Port District (Branded as TransPORT)

- Independent unit of state government, created 2003.
- Governed by 9-member board, 6-county jurisdiction.
- Charged with attracting new investment & creating jobs.
- TransPORT does not have taxing authority.
- Legally able to acquire property & develop facilities.
- Ability to issue revenue bonds to finance either of the above.
- Bonds are backed by the revenues generated by commerce.
- TransPORT can also make our bonding capability available to 3rd parties in the private sector on a conduit basis.





Metropolitan statistical areas	2009 Population
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	9,580,567
Peoria, IL	375,865
St. Louis, MO-IL	2,828,990
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	1,304,926
Jackson, MS	540,866
LittleRock-North Little rock-Conway, AR	685,488
Baton Rouge, LA	786,947
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	1,189,981

TransPORT Revenue Bond Capability

- Port can issue revenue bonds for property acquisition or facility construction. Could be done for all or a portion of the purchase price of this property.
- The appeal of any bond issue to investors is grounded in the ongoing revenue generated by the facility when operating.
- Port can also lend its bonding capability to 3rd party firms on a conduit basis. It allows private companies to benefit from longer terms (typically 24-28 years) versus traditional financing.
- Sometimes a single institution purchases the bonds. Otherwise, a mutually chosen bond underwriter markets the bonds to buyers.