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Ribbon-Cutting for Two New Port Attractions on June 1

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque and the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium invite the public to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, to celebrate the completion of the City's Port of Dubuque Marina project and the river museum's Mississippi Plaza project. Following the 11 a.m. ceremony in the Port, located at 450 E. Third St., both facilities will be open to the public until 1 p.m. The marina boat slips will be open for free use through that evening (Saturday, June 1).

The Port of Dubuque Marina features 70 transient boat slips with water and electrical connections, as well as a fuel dock and sanitary pump-out facilities. A landside amenities building provides services and accommodations to patrons such as: restrooms, dockside shower suites, a laundry facility, marina management facilities, and a ship store. The ship store will provide services to boaters and visitors to the Port of Dubuque including marine-related supplies and accessories, convenience store goods, an informational kiosk, and tourism destination information. The \$4.1 million project was funded in part by a \$3 million Boating Infrastructure Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Mississippi Plaza gives museum and aquarium visitors an opportunity to experience a continuous experience while moving from one building to the next. A large pavilion provides shade, and a great location for outdoor events. Live animal displays include a Red Tail Hawk and two American Bald Eagles. The living stream includes live fish, two fish feeding stations, and a raft ride. A giant walk-through catfish serves as the anchor of a children's play area that includes park benches for adults.

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