

US to invest \$3bn in ports

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Port of Baltimore

US president Joe Biden has revealed a \$3bn investment to help clean up and modernise ports across 27 states and territories.

The move will upgrade port infrastructure at 55 sites nationwide, including the Port of Baltimore, which will receive \$147m from Biden's Inflation Reduction Act for zero-emission port equipment, charging infrastructure, and power improvements.

The \$3bn fund will pay for battery-electric and hydrogen-powered port equipment, 1,000 drayage trucks, 10 locomotives, and 20 vessels, as well as shore power systems for vessels, battery-electric and hydrogen vehicle charging and fuelling infrastructure, and solar power generation.

The White House said the program will support an estimated 40,000 jobs across the country, including over 6,500 manufacturing jobs, and slash more than 3m tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions over the first 10 years of implementation, equivalent to the energy use of nearly 400,000 homes for one year.