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City of Dallas, State of Guanajuato Sign Agreement for Inland Ports

GUANAJUATO, MEX-- On August 24th, City of Dallas Deputy Mayor Dr. Elba Garcia will sign a Friendship and Cooperation Protocol on behalf of the International Inland Port of Dallas with the Inland Port of Guanajuato (Guanajuato Puerto Interior). She will be accompanied by Karl Zavitkovsky, the Director of the Office of Economic Development. The agreement will further the development of an innovative trade relationship between Guanajuato and Dallas.

Dr. Garcia said "Mexico is an important country for us and this is an opportunity to further develop the friendship and trade ties we have established with the State of Guanajuato"

Both the City of Dallas and the State of Guanajuato are developing inland ports to capture the growing container-ship trade, arriving primarily from Asia. The inland ports facilitate the movement of goods from the ports to the final destination.

The International Inland Port of Dallas (IIPOD) is a collaborative effort in Southern Dallas County to increase warehousing and distribution opportunities in Dallas to take advantage of the region's superior transportation infrastructure, with a goal of increasing jobs, the tax base and economic development. The International Inland Port of Dallas will allow us to become a logistics hub and process shipments from Asia more rapidly for distribution in the United States.

The Inland Port of Guanajuato was developed to facilitate the shipment, unloading, warehousing, assembly and distribution of raw materials, intermediate goods and consumer goods. It consists of Inland Customs, Air Cargo Terminal, Intermodal facility, Services zone, Industrial Park and a Strategic Tax Zone.

Mexico is a strategic partner for the City of Dallas. DFW trade with Mexico in 2006 reached 9.5B. Texas is the number one freight destination from Mexico.

Through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, the City of Dallas and the Inland Port of Guanajuato are committed to exploring and developing an innovative trade relationship centered around the movement of containers from the Guanajuato Inland Port to destinations in the United States, using the City of Dallas and the International Inland Port of Dallas as a primary point of entry.