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HARLINGEN, TX

Industrial Development Guide



About Harlingen, Texas



- Is located 10 miles north of international border with Mexico.
- Easy access to Latin American Market and the Eastern U.S.
- 1.1 M people within 45 minute drive time and over 3 million in border area.
- Consistently ranked in the top 2 Lowest Cost of Living Cities in the US.
- Has an award-winning Public School System.



Harlingen Aerotropolis

In 2014, AEP partnered with McCallum Sweeney Consulting, a premier site selection and certification firm in the US, to launch the AEP Quality Site Program, to identify "shovel-ready" industrial sites throughout AEP's service territory.

In 2015, the approximately 479 acre Harlingen Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport was awarded the first certification in Texas for their Large Park category. Aside from access to the airport runways, the park is also the terminus of an overweight corridor (Texas FM 509) to the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios, leading into Matamoros, Mexico, as well as the Port of Brownsville.

The Aerotropolis is located only 5 miles away from an interstate, 2 miles away from the Port of Harlingen and about 25 minutes from the Port of Brownsville.



		Legend  Site Boundary		
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Highway System



I-69 E (US 77) is a south-north highway connecting Brownsville to I-37 in Corpus Christi. It connects to I-2 in Harlingen.

I-2 (US 83) is an east-west highway beginning at its intersection with I-69E in Harlingen. It eventually connects to I-35 in Laredo.

I-2 also parallels Mexican Federal Highway 2, a major east-west route that traces the Mexico-U.S. border along the Mexican side of the Rio Grande River.

Rail Road System

All rail cargo in and out of the region must travel through Harlingen. Union Pacific, the Class A railroad company that serves the area, has a main line that enters the area from the north and switches east or west in Harlingen.

The newly inaugurated West Rail Bridge, located just east of Harlingen, connects to Kansas City Southern de Mexico.



Maritime Port System

Port of Harlingen is a barge service port located four miles east of Harlingen on Highway 106. It is 25 miles west of Mile Marker 644 on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway which stretches from the Mexican border at Brownsville, Texas, along the entire coast of the Gulf of Mexico to St. Marks, Florida and north to the Great Lakes.

Valley International Airport

Valley International Airport (HRL) is the largest airport in the Rio Grande Valley. Passenger service includes Southwest Airlines, United Express & Delta Airlines. Xtra Airways and Sun Country Airlines offer scheduled charter flights year-round.

Runway 17R/35L is the longest runway in the Rio Grande Valley, measuring 8,300 feet. The airport also provides door-to-door shuttle service to South Padre Island. General Aviation facilities are located on the east side of the airport. Gulf Aviation and Sun Valley Aviation offer aircraft rentals, maintenance, flight school and much more for our general aviation pilots.

Development of the NAFTA CargoPort has aligned the Valley International Airport to be the Air Cargo Hub of the Rio Grande Valley. Cargo Carriers include FedEx, DHL, United Cargo and Southwest Cargo.



The Port of Brownsville is the only First-Class deep water port located on the U.S. and Mexico border. It provides a full range of services to ensure efficient and timely cargo delivery worldwide. With abundant land for development and seventeen miles of waterfront access, the Port of Brownsville offers easy access to non-congested international bridge crossings and rail connections to your ultimate destination.

Los Indios International Bridge



Harlingen is strategically located in the center of the booming Rio Grande Valley. It's just a few miles from the Mexican border via the Free Trade International Bridge in Los Indios, the bridge with the shortest wait times in the region. Harlingen is also located between Reynosa and Matamoros, Mexico, two of the most active manufacturing cities along the Texas-Mexico Border.

Foreign Trade Zone #62



Foreign Trade Zone No. 62 is located in Cameron County, Texas, with sites at the Port of Brownsville, the Harlingen Industrial Park, the Harlingen Aerotropolis at Valley International Airport and Los Indios Industrial Parks. The zone grantee and operator is the Brownsville Navigation District. FTZ No. 62 is one of the largest FTZs in the US, and the largest in Texas.

The U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board has ranked FTZ #62 third in the nation out of 179 active U.S. FTZs for the volume of goods exported during 2014, and 25th for the volume of merchandise imported.

Education



Now open, the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine is characterized by a competency-based curriculum utilizing the most technologically-advanced resources-inclusive of an interactive, personalizing learning platform.

Harlingen is home to UTRGV's School of Medicine and its 15,000-SF, state of the art Smart Hospital, and technology complex, a virtual anatomy and histology laboratory.

Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Harlingen offers more than 75 degree and certificate programs, including industrial programs like Mechatronics, Machining Technology and Welding Technology.



TSTC Corporate College provides customized and specialized training programs to meet the particular and specific needs of industry, including OSHA courses, precision manufacturing, blueprint reading, vocational mathematics and other business-specific coursework.

Training grants are available through the **Skills Development Fund**.





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