



Dallas NAFTA trade corridor and Panama Canal Authority agreement to strengthen Port of Dallas as inland hub

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DALLAS, Tex.--The NAFTA Trade Corridor is holding an international signing ceremony with the Panama Canal Authority December 9 outlining an agreement to strengthen the Port of Dallas as an inland hub for international trade and commerce. This historic agreement will promote the all-water route from Asia to Dallas via the Panama Canal and the Port of Houston and will be a major factor for economic growth.

The Panama Canal serves more than 140 transportation routes from every corner of the world and is a critical

global link between ports, commodities and consumers.

The NAFTA Trade Corridor includes the City of Dallas, Dallas County and the City of Balch Springs. The Dallas area is strategically located as an inland hub for international trade because it is situated at the intersection of five interstates, three major rail lines and various state and U.S. highways.

The overall plan includes expanding the River of Trade Corridor Coalition, developing the Port of Dallas, a linear/foreign/freeport trade zone, an inland port of pre-clearance and a cargo airport.