

IV. Transportation and Distribution Benefits

A. Industrial Access Roads

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The Industrial Access Road Program is designed to provide assistance to local industrial development efforts by funding, within practical limitations, access facilities connecting a specific industry or industrial area directly to the state or local road system. Application is through local governing bodies that in turn contact the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

B. Foreign-Trade Zones

For more information on the Tulsa Port of Catoosa Zone, contact Bob Portiss at (918) 266-2291 or email at bob@tulsaport.com. For more information on the Greater Oklahoma City Area Zone, contact Matthew Weaver at (405) 623-5335, or email at matthew@foreigntradezone106.org. For more information on the Port of Muskogee Zone, contact Scott Robinson at (918) 682-7886 or email at scott@muskogeeport.com. For more information on the International Business Park in Durant Zone, contact Sherry Harlin at (580) 924-5094 or e-mail at sherryh@ruralenterprises.com.

Foreign-Trade Zones are physically defined areas that are legally considered to be outside the U.S. Therefore merchandise within Zones are exempt from U.S. Customs duty until removed from the Zone. Duty is then paid on that portion entering the U.S. market. In some cases, duties can be lowered through special Customs inverted tariff provisions. Oversight responsibility for Zone operations is under the U.S. Customs Service of Homeland Security.

Businesses engaged in international trade within these Zones benefit from special customs procedures when importing and when warehousing, manufacturing, or assembling with imported goods that remain in bond under Customs Control.

Subzones may be established for single purpose manufacturing/fabricating and distribution operations.

There are four Zones in Oklahoma: Port of Muskogee (FTZ #164) and the Tulsa Port of Catoosa (FTZ #53), which are both on the McClellan Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, providing rail, barge, and truck transportation services from Oklahoma to ports throughout the world; the Port Authority at Will Rogers World Airport of the Greater Oklahoma City Area (FTZ #106), Oklahoma City; and the International Business Park in Durant (FTZ #227).

The Tulsa Port of Catoosa (FTZ #53) also covers four other sites: Stillwater Industrial Park, Bartlesville Industrial Park, Mid America Industrial Park at Pryor Creek, and Tulsa International Airport.