

Texas Ports

Rosenberg is well-positioned for both importers and exporters requiring port access. The Port of Houston, ranked first in the U.S. for foreign waterborne tonnage and second in the U.S. for total tonnage, is located within forty miles. This port serves both containers, as well as bulk and liquid cargoes. It also has excellent rail access to Rosenberg.

Port Freeport is located approximately sixty miles south of Rosenberg in Brazoria County and is the fourteenth largest port in the U.S. in terms of foreign tonnage. It serves deep water vessels and will shortly be opening the new Velasco Container Terminal. It also facilitates the import and export of a number of agricultural products.

With the widening of the Panama Canal expected to be complete in 2014, the ports along the Gulf of Mexico will see their markets expand. Rosenberg is well-positioned to take advantage of this opportunity.

Port Freeport

- Port Freeport announced the completion of construction of a \$750 million facility to receive and store liquefied natural gas, convert the product back to a gas and transport it to commercial and industrial users via pipeline.
- Port Freeport's Velasco Terminal Project began in 2007, and will ultimately result in 2,400 linear feet of berthing, including a full roll-on/roll-off cargo ramp.
- Construction of a 25 acre project cargo storage area will meet increasing demands for project cargo operations at Port Freeport.
- Continued expansion phases of the North American distribution site for American Rice Inc. will add 150 jobs and employ 350 more people with the addition of the cookie manufacturing plant.
- Union Pacific Railroad improvements are being supported by Port Freeport's funding of a \$3.2 million initial engineering study and design package.

Source: Port Freeport Annual Report 2007

Port of Houston

- Easy access to rail and highway transportation systems make the Port of Houston the preferred port of call to more than 7,000 ships each year. Located in the 4th largest city in the United States, more than 50 million people live within a 500-mile radius of the port, reaching an enormous population base of consumers and producers. State-of-the-art public facilities situated along the Houston Ship Channel (45 ft. deep and 530 ft. wide) provide shippers with deepwater access to world markets.
- Port of Houston Authority was the first port authority in the world to meet the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) 28000: 2007's stringent requirements for certification of its security management system.
- Port of Houston Authority has been recognized for the perimeter security operations at Barbours Cut and Bayport terminals and its compliance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
- In 2002, Port of Houston Authority was the nation's first port to receive ISO 14001 recognition for its environmental management program.
- Port of Houston Authority was designated "Best Workplace for Commuters" by the EPA for its efforts in reducing miles driven, reduction of NOx, VOC, CO2 gases, and a reduction in gasoline consumption.
- Through the use of an Environmental Management System (EMS) and the adaptation of sustainability principles, this approach has kept the Port of Houston Authority at the forefront of environmental initiatives among U.S. ports.

Source: Port of Houston Authority March/April 2008