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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **El Paso's Foreign Trade Zone tops national rankings for merchandise received and exports**

**Zone exists to bolster foreign, domestic trade in El Paso-Juarez region**

**EL PASO, Texas** – El Paso's Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ No. 68) has emerged as #1 in Exports and #2 in Merchandise Received for the year 2014. The findings were recently reported to Congress by the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board.

"We have stayed focused on what we do best by implementing innovative customer service, fostering business relationships, and promoting the zone's competitive advantages," said Jose Quinonez, who manages the Foreign Trade Zone. "This all falls in line with the City's strategic goal of creating an environment conducive to strong, sustainable economic development."

This ranking illustrates the value of the zone to companies that use FTZ No. 68 strategically to eliminate, reduce, and defer customs duties and improve bottom line profitability. The Border Region is one of North America's largest manufacturing hubs and home to a large concentration of companies that import and export a high volume of automobile parts and electronics.

First authorized by Congress in 1934, Foreign Trade Zones exist to help American and foreign companies improve their competitive position in the global market economy. FTZ No. 68 is administered by El Paso International Airport and includes the Butterfield Trail Industrial Park, the EPIA Air Cargo Complex, and the new shovel-ready Global Reach Science & Technology Park.

For additional information on FTZ No. 68 visit: [www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/ftz) or call (915) 771-6061.

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**Top 25 by Zone (Warehouse/Distribution Activity)**

**Merchandise Received**

Zone	Location
1	124 Gramercy, Louisiana
2	68 El Paso, Texas
3	168 Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas
4	84 Harris County, Texas
5	74 Baltimore, Maryland
6	21 Dorchester County, South Carolina
7	202 Los Angeles, California
8	38 Spartanburg County, South Carolina
9	72 Indianapolis, Indiana
10	138 Franklin County, Ohio
11	235 Lakewood, New Jersey
12	64 Jacksonville, Florida
13	144 Brunswick, Georgia
14	78 Nashville, Tennessee
15	25 Broward County, Florida
16	29 Louisville, Kentucky
17	50 Long Beach, California
18	49 Newark/Elizabeth, New Jersey
19	61 San Juan, Puerto Rico
20	26 Atlanta, Georgia
21	148 Knoxville, Tennessee
22	205 Port Hueneme, California
23	1 New York City, New York
24	86 Tacoma, Washington
25	62 Brownsville, Texas

**Exports**

Zone	Location
1	68 El Paso, Texas
2	21 Dorchester County, South Carolina
3	62 Brownsville, Texas
4	25 Broward County, Florida
5	26 Atlanta, Georgia
6	148 Knoxville, Tennessee
7	114 Peoria, Illinois
8	61 San Juan, Puerto Rico
9	9 Honolulu, Hawaii
10	38 Spartanburg County, South Carolina
11	281 Miami-Dade County, Florida
12	94 Laredo, Texas
13	2 New Orleans, Louisiana
14	70 Detroit, Michigan
15	32 Miami, Florida
16	27 Boston, Massachusetts
17	202 Los Angeles, California
18	84 Harris County, Texas
19	160 Anchorage, Alaska
20	35 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
21	42 Orlando, Florida
22	153 San Diego, California
23	40 Cleveland, Ohio
24	77 Memphis, Tennessee
25	64 Jacksonville, Florida

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