U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION Office of Field Operations



Area Port of Dallas - Ports of Dallas/Fort Worth, Amarillo, Austin, Lubbock, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa

TRADE INFORMATION NOTICE

DATE: TIN 65252		FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: (A) Assistant Area Port Director Christian Caro (972) 870-7544
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SUBJECT: SOLICITATION TO ESTABLISH TWO (2) CENTRALIZED EXAMINATION STATIONS (CES) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING CARGO WITHIN THE AREA PORT OF DALLAS/FORT WORTH (DFW)

In accordance with the provisions in Title 19, Part 118 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the Area Port of Dallas is announcing the solicitation for bids to operate a Centralized Examination Station (CES) in the Port of Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) area. One or more applicants may be selected from this solicitation.

This solicitation for applicants is necessary to ensure that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the trade community are afforded the most cost effective and highest quality of service from a CES. The number of Centralized Examination Stations serving the Port of Dallas/Fort Worth is not expected to increase as a result of this solicitation.

Applications will be accepted only in response to this notice and must be received within 60 calendar days of the date of its issuance. The public is invited to submit any relevant written comments as to whether a CES should be established, or whether there is still a need for a CES. Public comments must be received within 30 calendar days of the date on this notice.

The Area Port of Dallas is seeking two (2) CES operators that can immediately provide all the established requisites to serve the rapidly growing needs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area Trade Community in a fair and competitive manner while providing an expeditious and professional service.

The preferred regional location for the first solicited CES is no more than 30-mile radius from the Port of Dallas/Fort Worth, Port Office 7501 Esters Blvd. Ste. 160, Irving TX 75063, and Union Pacific Dallas Intermodal Terminal, 1550 Fulghum Road, Hutchins TX 75141.

The preferred regional location for the second solicited CES is no more than 30-mile radius from the Port of Dallas/Fort Worth, Port Office 7501 Esters Blvd. Ste. 160, Irving TX 75063, and BNSF Railway, 1111 Intermodal Pkwy, Haslet, TX 76052.

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Applications to operate a CES with all required and pertinent data should be submitted to:

Port of Dallas/Fort Worth Attn: (A) Area Port Director Raul H. Orona U.S. Customs and Border Protection 7501 Esters Blvd, Suite 160 Irving, TX 75063

Questions on this solicitation should be referred to:

(A) Assistant Area Port Director Christian Caro (972) 870-7544 | CHRISTIAN.CARO@cbp.dhs.gov

Appendices:

Appendix A – Application

Appendix B – CES Fee Schedule

Appendix C – Physical Security Guidelines for CBP Bonded Facilities

Appendix D – Operational and Facility Characteristic and Minimum Requirements

Appendix E – Sample Operating Agreement

Raul H. Orona (A) Area Port Director Area Port of Dallas, TX

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