As the nation’s leader in exports and a top destination for foreign direct investment (FDI), Texas is an epicenter for global business and trade. There are already 1,745 foreign corporations doing business in the state—a number that only continues to grow as more and more international firms choose Texas for their next business investment. Furthermore, the state is the #1 destination in the U.S. for FDI capital expenditures and has led the nation in exports for 20 consecutive years.

Texas’ strategic geographical location in the center of North America is complimented by its robust transportation and logistical infrastructure. This unique combination of factors offers businesses direct access to global trade and the opportunity to easily reach customers worldwide. With 11 deep water ports, 28 border crossings with Mexico, 24 commercial airports and the most miles of public roadways, state highways and freight railways in the country, Texas gives companies the ability to quickly move their products across the state, continent and the world. Texas also leads the nation with 33 total foreign trade zones (FTZs) and is home to the #1 inland port on the U.S.-Mexico border—Port Laredo.

Texas isn’t stopping there. The state continues to invest in new infrastructure projects, such as a 10-year, more than $70 billion commitment to new state roadway projects. With 5G infrastructure rolling out throughout the state, Texas continues to be the future of global business and trade.

**TEXAS IS A TRADE TITAN:** Texas has been the nation’s top exporting state for 20 years in a row with exports valued at $376 billion in 2021.

**GATEWAY TO GLOBAL TRADE:** Texas has more airports, miles of public roadways, state highways, freight railways and FTZs than any other state in the nation.

**TOP IN TECH EXPORTS:** For the ninth consecutive year, Texas led the country in high tech exports, totaling $50.5 billion in 2021.

**TRADE SUPPORTS TEXAS JOBS:** Texas leads the nation in jobs supported by exports, at nearly 1 million.

**SMALL BUSINESSES ARE BIG IN TRADE:** Small businesses account for nearly 92% of the more than 35,000 Texas exporters.
The Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office (EDT) serves as the state's leading economic development organization marketing Texas as the world’s premier business investment destination. The division pursues business expansion and relocation prospects, with the goal of developing job creation and export opportunities for the Texas business community.

**LEADING GLOBAL DESTINATION FOR FDI:** In 2021, Texas was the #1 state in the U.S. for FDI capital expenditure and the largest state for new jobs from FDI. Since 2015, Texas has attracted more than 1,160 new FDI projects, expected to create $93.7 billion in capital investment.

**TEXAS DOES BUSINESS ABROAD:** Since 2015, Texas companies invested in more than 1,200 projects internationally, generating $84.6 billion in capital expenditures.

**INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES CHOOSE TEXAS:** There are 1,745 foreign entities registered in Texas and major international companies continue to choose Texas for significant expansion projects, including GlobalWafers, Kubota, Toyota, Ericsson, Mitsubishi, Samsung and Aisin AW, just to name a few. Texas is also home to headquarters for some of the largest companies in the world such as, ExxonMobil, McKesson, AT&T, Phillips 66, Valero Energy, American Airlines and Dell Technologies. Additionally, Caterpillar recently announced their relocation to Texas.

**USMCA SUPPORTS TEXAS EXPORTS AND FDI:** On July 1, 2020, the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) officially went into effect. This trade agreement allows Texas increased access to trade with Mexico and Canada, the state’s first and second largest export partners. USMCA also allows for greater FDI from Mexican and Canadian firms through expanded collaboration and efficiencies between the international markets.