

# Windsor Locks, Connecticut

## Economic & Industrial Development Commission

### Facts/Benefits of Foreign Trade Zones and FTZ 71's recent expansions, including the Alternative Site Framework.

- **FTZ #71 was established 1981, Grantee is the WL EIDC Administrator for the Grantee is Dan Carstens**
- **Original 17.5 acres is designated as a magnet site, insulates it from future sunseting. Expansion by Griffin Land nets 390 additional acres in 2012**
- **An expansion approved under FTZ Board's Alternative Site Framework extended the access to 5 CT counties and a total of 2,000 acres.**

The benefits of Foreign Trade Zone access are numerous, but in short, an FTZ allows an exporter, importer, manufacturer or third party logistics firms (3PLs) to manage the duties owed on imported goods or components. Under the ASF, these benefits can be applied for in an expedited fashion at locations in Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, Tolland and Windham Counties.

Previously, to expand the boundaries an application for a Sub Zone or Zone expansion needed to be filed,

a process that could take up to 18 months. Under the ASF, the process is streamlined; a business in the aforementioned counties can make an application to designate a portion of their existing operation or location as FTZ eligible. A potential user can either designate a building, site or portion thereof as their own Zone site, or may use a 3d party in a General Purpose Zone location. Generally speaking, it is faster to Activate a site within the existing FTZ sites, but it is also now much faster to activate other sites under the ASF program.

#### PROCESS

Dan Carstens is the Administrator for the Grantee, and is contracted to assist in the initial stages of these efforts. Interested parties can contact Dan and FTZ #71 – [djcarstens@outlook.com](mailto:djcarstens@outlook.com) or via Dan's cell (860) 306-3214. Many 3PLs have working knowledge of the FTZ program, but there is a lot of misinformation and apprehension from those who see it as a threat to the traditional Customs process. There are a couple of excellent sources of information:

- 1 The U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board - <http://enforcement.trade.gov/ftzpage/> which is free of charge, and;
- 2 The National Association of Foreign Trade Zones – [www.naftz.org](http://www.naftz.org)