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**BARCELONA'S EL CONSORCI FREE TRADE ZONE  
AND EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S FOREIGN TRADE ZONE No. 68  
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
SIGN AN AGREEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP AND PROMOTION IN BUSINESS  
ISSUES AND LOGISTICS**

**El Paso (Texas, USA) May 14, 2014** -The Consortium of the Free Trade Zone of Barcelona, El CONSORCI and El Paso International Airport's Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 (FTZ 68) of El Paso have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in which both parties agree to promote each other's free trade zones in their areas of mutual influence. Also included is the promise and understanding to exchange experiences in international logistics and to share working knowledge with industry contained in each other's respective free trade zones.

The agreement between these zones in Spain and El Paso was formalized during yesterday's City Council meeting which was signed by El CONSORCI's Special State Delegate and CEO, Mr. Jordi Cornet, and Mayor Oscar Leaser.

During a three day, jam-packed itinerary to El Paso, Cornet, El CONSORCI's Free Trade Zone Director, Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez, and El CONSORCI's Director of Communication, Ms. Montse Novell toured El Paso's Foreign Trade Zone, the Ysleta Port of Entry, and met with several officials from Ciudad Juarez and El Paso to discuss their commonalities and future shared goals. The highlight of the voyage was the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. "This project and alliance will not show immediate results, but rather should be looked at as a long term development partnership that will spur business opportunities in our region," noted Mr. José Quiñonez, El Paso's Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 Manager.

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The El Paso and Ciudad Juarez area has a population of over 2.5 million and is one of the leading manufacturing and logistics development areas of North America.

El Paso's FTZ 68 is one of the five largest foreign trade zones in the United States and in 2013 managed volume worth more than 10.2 billion dollars. In total, the Port of El Paso handled a trade volume of over 67 billion dollars in 2013, according to the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank.

The Consortium of the Free Trade Zone of Barcelona, El CONSORCI manages industrial real estate and its customs free zone, a major logistics business area. Barcelona and El Paso share very many similarities in terms of developing industrial, educational, biomedical research, and trade opportunities. This Alliance links two regions of the world in their shared vision to ultimately become more dynamic and globally competitive.

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