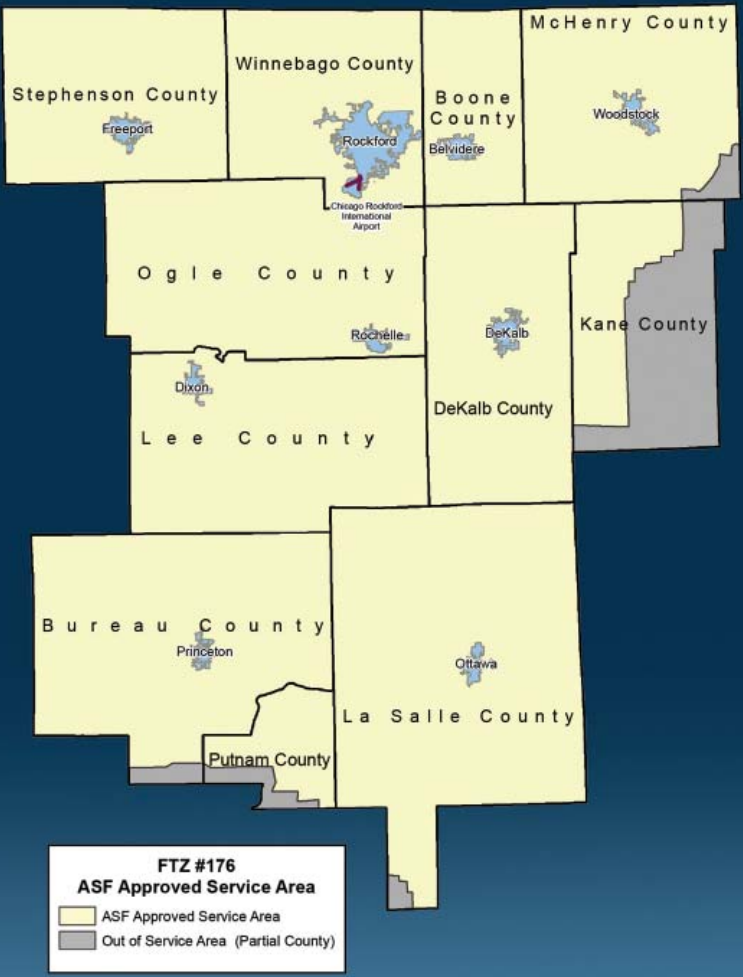




# FOREIGN TRADE ZONE #176



- Locate in the FTZ #176 Service Area
- Engage in International Trade
  - Reduce Costs
  - Grow Margins

Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) are considered outside of U.S. Customs territory and provide preferential tax treatment for companies that engage in international trade. FTZ #176 features streamlined applications for increased ROI.

## FTZs Reduce Costs for Companies That Import

**Cash flow savings:** Duty is paid only when merchandise enters US customs territory. Merchandise may be stored indefinitely within an FTZ area.

**No duties for re-exports:** Imported merchandise that is re-exported incurs no duty, avoiding record keeping and inefficiency of applying for duty drawback.

**No duties for scrap:** Imported merchandise that is scrapped due to defect or obsolescence incurs no duty.

**Inverted duty:** For companies with production authority, it allows application of the duty rate for the finished product if lower than the duty rate of the imported component.

**Consolidated merchandise processing fee:** FTZ companies can consolidate their customs entry to once weekly and will be subject to a weekly merchandise processing fee (max. \$485) for each entry.

**Full no-cost feasibility study:** It is recommended to assess specific benefits and cost savings for individual companies.

For more information on **FTZ#176**, including to schedule a no-cost feasibility study contact:

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