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Ceremony makes Alberta part of Ports to Plains coalition

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The Canadian province of Alberta, Canada has officially joined the Ports to Plains Alliance, the rural development coalition that seeks a border to border expressway between Texas and Canada to bolster trade between Mexico, Canada and the United States. The ceremony between ports to Plains officials and those in Alberta took place Tuesday in Edmonton. The planned Ports to Plains Expressway includes the Heartland Expressway in Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Jarrod Haberman, director of the Panhandle Area Development District, is the Ports to Plains spokesperson for the region. He says Alberta's willingness to be a part of the Ports to Plains coalition adds a key piece to the coalition effort.

Alberta, which has one of the strongest economies in North America, will serve as the northern anchor of the coalition and the proposed transportation corridor, something Haberman says makes the Heartland's inclusion in the coalition even more important.

The Ports to Plains region produces much of the United States' energy, more than 40 percent of America's agricultural goods and accounts for twenty percent of the trade between the United States, Canada and Mexico.



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