



PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

Securing the Benefits of Commerce to
North America's Energy & Agriculture Heartland

NEWS RELEASES

Ports-to-Plains Energy Summit

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Upcoming Ports-to-Plains Alliance Activities

- May 1-3 - Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, Regina, SK
- May 2-6 - Ports-to-Plains Fly-in, Washington, DC
- May 10-11 - Meetings in Saskatchewan
- May 22-25 - WINDPOWER 2011, Anaheim, CA
- June 13-14 - 3rd Annual Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees, Breckenridge, CO



TRANSPORTATION

[Amarillo, TX: Area big rigs left idle ... 2012 could see 400,000 job openings](#)

As U.S. industries begin to climb out of recession, another problem faces companies trying to move their products - freight is stuck on the loading docks.

"I've got freight that I can't haul because I need truck drivers," said Dudley Baldwin, owner of Baldwin Distribution, of

Amarillo. "The last six months we've been advertising for drivers. Currently I need 20 drivers. It is the same way with everybody else in the industry."...

[GOP senators say no gas tax to pay for Obama transportation budget](#)

['Ports to Plains' a topic of trip to Washington](#)

[Colorado: Hwy 71 project on budget ... CDOT official: Smoother curves will make traffic flow better](#)

[Lawsuit filed to halt megaloads moving through MT](#)

[Mid-South Sens. Alexander, Pryor introduce bill to track all truckers](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Weld County Sees Oil Boom Benefits](#)

Northern Colorado is on the front lines of the effort to cut reliance on foreign oil, as oil and gas companies explore a promising formation in Weld County.

It seems, lately, what grows best in some Weld County fields is oil.

"This isn't just a once in a generation find; this is a once in a lifetime find," said Sean Conway, a Weld County Commissioner...



ENERGY

[Ports-to-Plains Alliance Mayors Support Keystone XL Pipeline](#)

Twenty-four mayors from seven states in the Ports-to-Plains region support the written comments regarding the importance of the Keystone XL Pipeline to our regional economy and to the energy security of our nation.

[Republicans Weigh a Federal 'Reverse Auction' to Push Clean Energy](#)

[API Welcomes Call for Increased Oil Sands Development](#)



Board Member Spotlight

[Justin Bennett](#)

Ports-to-Plains Alliance Board Member



Justin Bennett began his service on the Ports-to-Plains Board of Directors in July 2008. He currently serves as [Union County Commissioner](#) and ranches in Des Moines, New Mexico.

Justin Bennett

Board Member,
Ports-to-Plains
Alliance

[Union County
Commissioner](#)

Justin was born in January, 1976 and has lived in the Des Moines area his entire life. He graduated as valedictorian of Des Moines High School in 1994. He then went on to West Texas A&M University where he was a 1998 honors graduate with a degree in Agri-Business and was named outstanding Senior in Ag Business. Justin returned to the family ranch and has run his own cow-calf operation since graduating.

Justin feels that by improving transportation through many rural areas of the United States, it increases the chances of small town America to survive into the next century. What the Port-to-Plains Corridor can mean to the rural and small town areas of Northeastern New Mexico and the business opportunities that go with it can not be underestimated.

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