At the North Carolina State Ports Authority, we have one goal — to enhance and facilitate global business. We work to continually improve our infrastructure and service offerings in order to make the Port of Wilmington an ideal match for forward-thinking global companies and organizations.

We have an extremely aggressive expansion plan, backed by more than $250 million in capital improvements. This exciting initiative will enable us to tailor our growth to our customers’ needs and better facilitate their long-term plans and business projections. Improvements in development include berth renovation and expansion, harbor enhancements, a new container gate complex and terminal operating systems, and an expanded container yard.

With our customer-focused approach, shippers receive superior communication and customized service, as well as the fastest turn times on the United States East Coast.

**OUR PROACTIVITY, YOUR PROFIT.**

With our superior breadth and depth of offerings, NC Ports can offer the same service as other ports, with bottom-line efficiencies that simply can’t be matched. Our planned improvement initiatives will dramatically increase the speed, efficiency and container capacity of the Port of Wilmington, offering our customers the utmost in service, as well as abundant capacity for continued growth.

We’re excited to continue evolving our offering as we maintain our reputation as the best gateway on the United States East Coast.
With completed berth renovations and more than 2,600 contiguous feet of container berth space, the Port of Wilmington is now able to operate two ultra-large container vessels simultaneously. We started operating two post-Panamax ships in April 2020.

Berth Renovation and Expansion

Our pro-business approach and constant quest for improvement and innovation of our ports always have been an integral part of our business and have led to great customer success. We look forward to partnering with you, coordinating with your needs and offering you even more opportunities for profitability and growth, now and in the years ahead.

Turning Basin Expansion and Harbor Deepening

Phase 2 of the turning basin expansion project is now complete. The expansion allows for 14,000 TEU and larger ocean vessels to safely and efficiently turn around in the Wilmington Harbor. NC Ports is also working with its federal partners on necessary navigational harbor enhancements that will enable the Port of Wilmington to better accommodate deep-draft container vessels.

Expansion of the Container Yard

The container yard expansion will double the Port of Wilmington’s annual throughput capacity to more than one million TEU. The expansion includes a new refrigerated container yard that boosts the port’s on-terminal refrigerated container plugs from 235 to 775. Beyond this initial expansion, a second phase will increase the yard’s capacity to more than 1,000 plugs.

New Container Gate Complex and Terminal and Gate Operating System

The new gate complex will enable NC Ports to meet the demand of increased volume on container moves at the Port of Wilmington. Improvements include increasing inbound lanes for truck traffic to seven and outbound lanes to six. The simultaneous addition of a new Terminal Operating System and Gate Operating System will enhance the efficiency of the port’s container yard and container gate.

ALWAYS EXPECT MORE

Our pro-business approach and constant quest for improvement and innovation of our ports always have been an integral part of our business and have led to great customer success. We look forward to partnering with you, coordinating with your needs and offering you even more opportunities for profitability and growth, now and in the years ahead.