

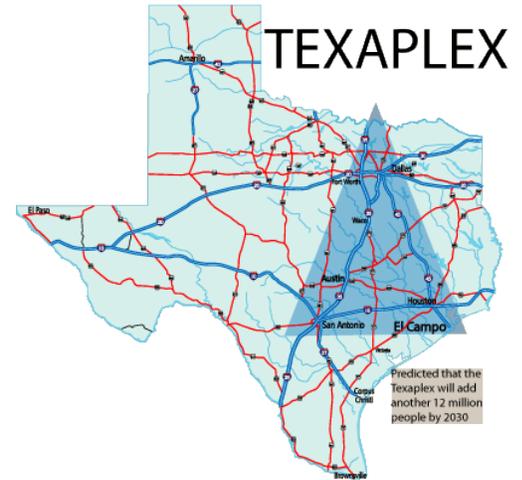
## Why relocate for Hlavinka Equipment Co.?

### Location Advantages

Our stores are located along the Texas Gulf Coast, with our northernmost location being Nome, El Campo in the middle, and Taft to the south. The coast brings along many advantages such as salt water fishing, birding, camping, and many other fun family activities. Our Nome, El Campo, and East Bernard locations are positioned within in the heart of the “Texaplex,” the region that incorporates all the major cities in Texas: Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, & Austin. Experts forecast that this region of Texas will experience exponential growth in the coming years.

### DRIVE TIME TO MAJOR CITIES FROM EL CAMPO:

Houston	1 Hour
Austin	2 Hours
San Antonio	2 Hours
Corpus Christi	2 Hours
Dallas	5 Hours
El Paso	12 Hours
Albuquerque	14 Hours
Oklahoma City	8 Hours
Little Rock	8 Hours
Memphis	10 Hours
New Orleans	7 Hours
Mexico	5 Hours



### Environment & Climate

As rural communities, we have plenty clear country air and abundant water to share; however, these resources are handled with the upmost respect. Local agriculture depends on the health of the natural environment, and our citizens take active measures to preserve and protect the quality and quantity of our air and water supply.

This area of Texas has an average annual rainfall of about 42 inches per year, and make it a great place to live for the production of crops, especially those that can withstand our hot summers (93° F is the average July temperature), and mild winters (40° F is the average January temperature).

### Hop, Skip, & A Jump Away from Houston

Houston is the closest major city to all of our store locations. Houston is the country’s 4<sup>th</sup> largest city, with 634 square miles of land to roam. The City of Houston is so spacious it could contain the cities of New York, Washington, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, and Miami.

Houston came in #7 on the New York Times’ list of “46 Places to Go” in 2013. Forbes magazine named it the “Coolest City” in the country in 2012, citing factors such as the strong economy, dynamic arts scene, and multiculturalism. 93 foreign governments have official representation here through consulates or trade offices.

Houston’s Art Scene rivals some of the best in the country. The Houston Ballet is hailed by the New York Times as “...one of the nation’s best ballet companies,” the Houston Grand Opera is the ONLY opera company in the world with a

Grammy, Tony, and Emmy awards, and the Theatre Under the Stars is one of the largest nonprofit producers of musical theatre in America.

The Museum District is one of the largest in the country with 18 museums within walking distance. The Children's Museum of Houston is the highest attended youth museum in the country for its size and rated #1 in the country by Parents Magazine.

Houston has one of the best culinary scenes in the country with cuisine from around the world—in fact, the Houston area has representation from 35 countries in more than 8,000 restaurants. It also is a great place to shop, and was named the “Top Shopping City” by Forbes in 2010.

One of the biggest advantages to being near Houston is having access to the Texas Medical Center (TMC). It has 50 membership institutions including M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, the #1 cancer hospital in the country, and is the largest medical complex in the world. More heart surgeries are performed here than anywhere else in the world. This is the site of the first successful human heart transplant, and the birthplace of life flight. The zip code of the TMC is currently home to 21,000 physicians, scientists, researchers, and other advanced degree professionals in the life sciences at 385 medical offices, the highest concentration in the country.

### **The Take Home Message**

Texas is a great place to live—it's diverse in terrain and culture, it's inexpensive (2<sup>nd</sup> lowest cost of living in the country, it has tons of things to see and do, it is home to some of the most important places in the world (like the Texas Medical Center), and has one of the strongest economies in the country. You don't have to take our word for it--come visit us and find out for yourself!

#### *Sources:*

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