

2022 PORT OF BROWNSVILLE
**CHAIRMAN'S
AWARD**



**Brownsville Navigation District Chairman Esteban Guerra
Honors DIX Industries with the 2022 Chairman's Award**

When the Port of Brownsville first opened in May 1936, many people celebrated the promise of economic opportunities that would bring them closer to the American dream. Richard "Dick" Ostos was one of those individuals. In 1947, Dick embarked on that opportunity and founded DIX Shipping Company-Shipping Agents and Stevedores at the Port of Brownsville.

DIX Industries saw the cargo trends at the port evolve from agricultural exports like fruits in the 1940s and cotton in the 1950s to steel products, wind energy components, and project cargo for the space industry today.

From its original 400,000 square foot warehouse, the company has doubled its square footage to 800,000 in Brownsville and opened offices in Corpus Christi, Monterrey, and Veracruz, Mexico, to provide cohesive services to markets in the U.S. and Mexico.

Today there are over 100 employees throughout DIX Industries including crane operators, heavy machinery equipment operators, stevedores and office staff.

What started as a dream for a young man in 1947 has evolved into a family business spanning three generations and celebrating its 75th anniversary at the Port of Brownsville this year.

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