



# PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

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

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## Upcoming Activities of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance

- January 8 – 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature convenes
- February 17 – Ports-to-Plains Alliance Board of Directors Meeting, Austin, TX
- February 17-19 – [8th Annual Texas Transportation Forum](#), Austin, TX
- February 26-28 – PTP Alliance Staff to Washington, DC
- April 10-12 – Economic Developers Alberta Conference and Annual General Meeting



## TRANSPORTATION

### [Industry poll: Majority of Americans want more infrastructure funding](#)

"60 percent of its respondents were not aware of the gap being the amount of money that is collected by the 18.4 cents-per-gallon gas tax that is normally used to fund transportation projects and the current levels of spending in

the recently approved highway bill."

A large majority of U.S. residents want Congress to spend more money on transportation infrastructure, according to poll conducted on behalf of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM).

The AEM, which represents companies that make the machines used in construction projects, said Wednesday that its poll showed 77 percent of American citizens are in favor of "rebuilding" or "modernization" infrastructure in the U.S...

[The full AEM poll can be downloaded here.](#)

### [Transportation Sector Seeking Revenue Amid Chaos](#)

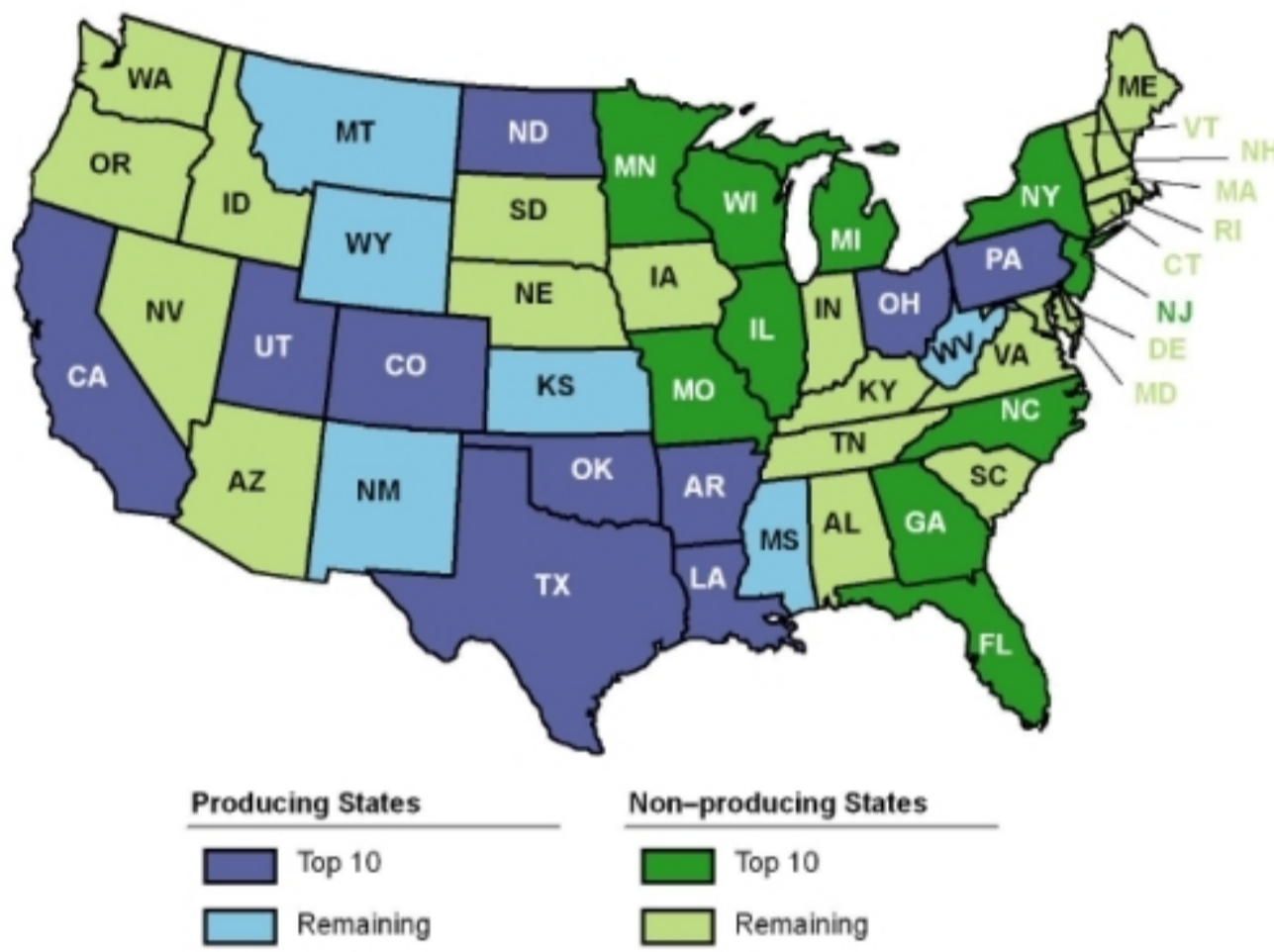
The transportation sector will spend next year looking for opportunities to achieve limited legislative goals, while hoping to stay out of the way of lawmakers who may have to slash funds in ongoing efforts to deal with the debt crisis.

That's the consensus of transportation experts and lobbyists interviewed about what to expect for the year...

## Employment Contribution of Unconventional Oil and Gas Is Far Reaching

(Based on 2012 employment)

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Texas accounts for almost half the nearly 1.3 million industry jobs associated with unconventional oil and gas production in the 16 producing states this year, according to a new study.

The new study, **America's New Energy Future: The Unconventional Oil and Gas Revolution and the US Economy – Volume 2: State Economic Contributions** is the second in a series on the economic contribution of unconventional oil and gas activity.

Some 576,000 Texans were in jobs linked to unconventional oil and gas in 2012, and that is expected to rise to almost 930,000 by the end of the decade, the IHS Global Insight study released Wednesday says...



**U.S. Representative Adrian Smith (NE)**  
**Ports-to-Plains Alliance Caucus**

## THANK YOU VISIONARIES

*Without your leadership and support, our continued success would not be possible.*

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*Support Rural Transportation and Economic Development*

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