

Arizona International Development Authority



Established in 1994, Restructured in 2009

Arizona Revised Statutes

Title 41, Chapter 45, Article 1

What is AIDA?

- *A corporate body and political subdivision of the State of Arizona, established by legislation*
 - *ADOT provides administrative support*

What is the Purpose of AIDA?

- *AIDA's mission is to grow trade*
 - *Trade spurs Arizona's economy and creates good jobs*
- *AIDA is the official connection between the State and the border regional port authorities*
 - *These port authorities have been highly successful in uniting local public and private sector leaders to promote trade*

What can AIDA do?

- *Advise the legislature on trade*
- *Develop, finance and/or operate border transportation infrastructure projects located 62 miles north to 6 miles south of the Arizona-Mexico border*
 - *AIDA can issue tax-free revenue bonds to finance projects*
 - *It can finance Public-Private Partnerships*

Types of AIDA Projects

- *International Ports of Entry and border crossing facilities*
- *Transportation and shipping facilities including railroad, dock, airport, intermodal and highway/roadway facilities (except those under ADOT jurisdiction)*
- *Electrical lines*

Value of AIDA

- *AIDA can fill the critical gap caused by the steep decline in federal funding for border transportation infrastructure*
- *AIDA benefits will be state-wide, including particularly Maricopa County*
 - *AIDA projects will make trade more efficient and thus facilitate the sale of local products to Mexican markets*
 - *AIDA projects will facilitate visits of Mexicans coming to vacation and shop*

How Much Does AIDA Need?

- *A 2008 study by the Arizona Department of Commerce proposed \$350,000 to fund AIDA start-up costs*
 - *This money could come from a special fund derived from fees on Mexican trucks*
 - *AIDA would not be a burden on Arizona tax payers*
- *Once AIDA becomes fully operational, it will be self-sustaining*