The Austin MSA has one predesignated Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) magnet sites as part of FTZ-183. The current active magnet site is located at Tech Ridge known as site 19 of FTZ 183. A magnet site allows for faster activation and at less cost to establish an active foreign trade zone.

In addition to having a magnet site, the Austin MSA is also an alternative site framework, which allows for any geographic area in the 5 county MSA to be designated a foreign trade zone upon approval. Please see this website, http://www.austinchamber.com/site-selection/taxes-incentives/incentives/foreign-trade-zones.php for more information.