

Joliet Intermodal Terminal Fast Facts.



- Grading of the 785-acre nearly \$370 million state-of-the-art intermodal terminal in Joliet, Ill., began in August 2008, and the facility will be built in several phases.
- During Phase I, construction on 550 acres included:
 - Four loading tracks, each 8,000 ft. long, with the capacity to handle 104 intermodal “double-stack” rail cars at a time.
 - Six 8,000 ft. tracks to stage rail cars for loading.
 - Six-track classification yard to give train crews the ability to sort rail cars by destination.
 - A 10-lane next generation automated gate system.
 - Administration, crew and maintenance buildings.
- There are more than 4,000 “staging” or parking places for trailers and containers.
- Four cranes straddle the rail cars that lift trailers and containers on and off rail cars and one mobile “packer” are used at the facility. The cranes are equipped with GPS steering - improving productivity and performance
- 500,000 over-the-road trailers or ocean-going containers can be handled annually.
- A combination of several computer systems, along with advanced technology, coordinates all movement of rail cars, trucks and trailers or containers at the facility. Because of this technology, a truck entering or leaving the facility is stopped at the gate for 30 to 90 seconds compared to the national average of three to four minutes.
- The Joliet Intermodal Terminal was open August 1, 2010.