



OBJECTIVES

Transport approximately 200 ocean containers and specialty cargo from multiple international and U.S. locations to one domestic site. The move had to align with a strict project schedule, comply with government regulations, and support the client's larger goal of ramping up munition output as quickly as possible.

SUPPORTING DEFENSE PRODUCTION

How Interstate Delivered Critical Equipment for Army Munitions Expansion

In response to the rising demand for large-caliber munitions, driven in part by the Ukraine–Russia conflict, the U.S. Department of Defense called for an urgent increase in production capacity. A major defense contractor was tasked with rapidly scaling operations, selecting a U.S. production site, and sourcing equipment from international and domestic manufacturers. To make this expansion possible, they needed a reliable logistics partner to move heavy, oversized, and sensitive equipment quickly and securely. They turned to Interstate.

CHALLENGES

Coordinating the transport of heavy, sensitive equipment from three international sites to one U.S. facility required strict scheduling and compliance. Interstate had to navigate limited equipment availability at smaller ports, adhere to the U.S. Cargo Preference Act, and meet tight carrier documentation and customs deadlines. Inland delivery also had to align precisely with offloading capabilities to avoid costly delays.



CONCLUSION

Interstate built a detailed and transparent logistics plan tailored to the client's aggressive timeline. By leveraging a global network of experienced partners, the team ensured that each shipment was handled with the appropriate regional knowledge and care. Regular communication with clients, carriers, and government agencies allowed for fast adjustments and collaborative problem solving.

To avoid customs delays, all documents were submitted in advance, and cargo classifications were confirmed before arrival at each port. Inland transportation was timed carefully to match offloading windows and reduce the risk of detention fees. Daily and weekly shipment updates kept all stakeholders informed and prepared for next steps.

Over the course of seven months, every piece of equipment arrived on schedule and in proper condition. The contractor was able to meet its commitments, and production at the U.S. site is now fully operational. Interstate's planning and execution played a key role in supporting the Army's expanded munitions capability.