Acadiana Location Eyed by Mexican Businessmen

La. Airport Considered
for Industry

NEW IBERIA, La. — A five-member delegation of businessmen and industrialists from the town of Mexicali, Mexico arrived here Thursday to consider building industry in a proposed free trade zone at Acadia Regional Airport.

The delegation, linked to the area by the efforts of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, is divided into two groups.

The group next takes a closer look at Armando Garcia Zambrano, representing the Department of Industrial Development of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila, Mexico, and Peter A. Martino, Department of Foreign Affairs.

Bob Angers, a THIBA spokesman, said the meeting was "highly significant" toward establishing a free trade zone with Mexico likely to be the first foreign country to locate an industry at the airport.

Angers said that once the zone is in a duty-free area where foreign industries may locate and operate without being subject to U.S. tariff regulations.

Angers added that upon completion, the products would then be subject to U.S. tariff regulations.

Members of the delegation embarked for Baton Rouge following the tour and for a similar tour which was to be accompanied by the Louisiana Industrial Commission.

All will attend a Latin American trade seminar at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette Friday.