

# Pilot LNG Moving Forward with Texas LNG Bunkering Port

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Plans to build the first liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering port on the Gulf Coast are inching forward by awarding a front-end engineering and design (FEED) contract for a floating LNG unit.



Developer [Pilot LNG LLC](#) said last week it had chosen partner [Wison Offshore & Marine](#) to carry out the FEED work. Wison also is taking a

minority stake in Pilot, though financial terms were not disclosed.

The proposed [Galveston LNG Bunker Port](#) (GLBP) project would comprise an LNG production vessel permanently moored off Pelican Island, TX. The island is in Galveston Bay, one of the busiest marine corridors in the United States, providing access to the Houston Ship Channel.

Wiscon has been a partner of Pilot since last year, when the project application was first filed with federal regulators.

[Pilot LNG is betting](#) that increased demand for LNG as a marine fuel could build support for the project. International regulators have [tightened emissions standards](#), and the maritime industry has increasingly turned to LNG as a fuel source because of its lower emissions profile and cost competitiveness.

In the United States, the bunkering market is most advanced along Florida's Atlantic Coast, primarily to serve ships transporting U.S. goods to Puerto Rico. [JAX LNG LLC](#) in 2018 began operating [a second waterfront LNG](#) facility in Jacksonville, FL, to conduct ship-to-ship bunkering operations.

Eagle LNG Partners Jacksonville LLC also has [proposed](#) building and operating a terminal and export facility in Jacksonville.

Pilot LNG is targeting a final investment decision on the GLBP project in the first half of 2022, with operations beginning in the first half of 2025.