

GREATER PEORIA GREATER POSSIBILITIES

- Global connections
- Available workforce
- Affordable wages
- Low cost of living
- Low cost of doing business
- Hands-on support
- Committed partners



**ROAD
RIVER
RAIL
AIR**

IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE

- Central location
- Within a day's drive of half the population

WHY GREATER PEORIA? 10 REASONS

1 INTERMODAL HUB

Peoria barge terminal navigable year-round
5 Class I and 6 Shortline railroads
Peoria International Airport
3 major interstate highways

2 BUSINESS INVESTMENTS

Annual R&D
\$1 Billion
2016 Exports
\$30 Billion
Caterpillar Inc.
12,000 area employees

3 BUSINESS-FRIENDLY

Forbes:
Top 10 Places to Start
CNN:
Top 15 Places to Locate

4 AVAILABLE REAL ESTATE

Office
Warehouse
Manufacturing
Retail
Shovel-Ready Industrial Parks

5 AFFORDABLE REAL ESTATE

100,000-square-foot warehouse space
Dallas: \$7.2 Million
Peoria: \$4.1 Million
Difference: \$3.1 Million
43% Lower!

6 WAGES LOWER THAN NATIONAL AVERAGES

Manufacturing: 2.6% lower
Logistics: 14% lower
Plastics/Rubber: 15% lower
Chemicals: 11% lower

7 LOWER MANUFACTURING WAGES

35.6% Lower than Atlanta
20.0% Lower than Dallas
17.7% Lower than Chicago
14.4% Lower than St. Louis

8 AVAILABLE SKILLED WORKFORCE

195,000 Workers
80% Under Age 54
90%+ High School Graduates
25% Bachelor's Degree (or higher)

9 MANUFACTURING FOCUS

15% of Workforce
Nationally-Ranked College of Engineering & Technology

10 LOW COST OF LIVING

17.5% Lower than Chicago
10.5% Lower than Denver
6.5% Lower than Madison

There Are Greater Possibilities
For Your Business – In Greater Peoria

We're Here To Help

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