

Why Illinois?

The Middle of Everything

A global business destination in the heart of the U.S., Illinois provides an ideal location for companies of all sizes and industries to grow. Its skilled workforce and strategic location at the center of the nation's infrastructure are among the many reasons why companies choose to **#BeInIllinois**.

#1 Midwest state
for business
creation

(U.S. Census Bureau)

#2 U.S. location
for corporate
expansions &
relocations

(Site Selection magazine)

A top U.S. state
for both
infrastructure &
education

(CNBC)

5th highest GDP
in the nation

(U.S. BEA)

18th largest
economy in the
world

(World Bank/U.S. BEA)

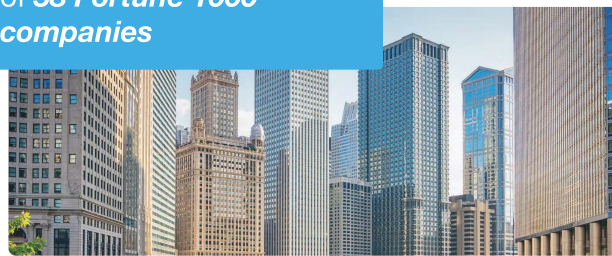
Magnet for the Brightest Minds

242 higher education institutions
and a **top state in the region** for
workforce development



Global Headquarters Hub

Home to the headquarters
of **58 Fortune 1000**
companies



World-Class Infrastructure

Illinois is **centrally located**, allowing companies to move people and products seamlessly across the country and world.



Air

within 4-hour flight of
all major North American
destinations



Rail

only state where all
Class I railroads
meet in 2 places



Road

3rd largest interstate highway
system – 83% of continental U.S.
within 2-day drive



Water

3 major inland ports with direct
links to Atlantic Ocean, Great Lakes,
and Gulf of Mexico

Global Business Destination

Home to more than **2,000 foreign-owned companies**, Illinois is a welcoming location for international businesses.

Competitive Energy Landscape

2nd largest producer of clean/low carbon energy
in the U.S., with **access** to 100% renewables
through competitive energy market.

Unmatched Quality of Life

Illinois offers something for everyone, from rural to urban, small town to big city, all with a low cost of living. The state has top-notch education, healthcare, sports, dining, nightlife, hotels and entertainment, outdoor amenities, arts, and culture.



Intersect Illinois

Illinois' Statewide Economic Development Organization



About Us

Intersect Illinois is the state's business attraction organization. We generate new jobs and investment in Illinois by showcasing the state's assets, collaborating with partners, and helping companies find a site to call home. We collaborate with industry, academic, civic, and government partners to make it easier for companies to expand in the state. We also promote Illinois' unique assets for business including its unmatched talent, infrastructure, quality of life, and ecosystems of support across a diverse range of industries. A non-profit, public-private partnership, Intersect Illinois acts as a free concierge for companies, helping with site selection, analytics, and more.

Our Services



Site Selection Assistance & Coordination

We work with companies to find properties that meet their needs, assisting them throughout the process to evaluate, select, and secure the perfect site.



Connections

We connect companies with industry peers, local leadership, utilities, and more. We also collaborate closely with the State and local municipalities.



Data Analysis

We analyze the market to highlight Illinois' strengths. We also provide project-specific analysis for everything from workforce and utilities to wage, location, and transportation information.



Community Collaboration

We work closely with community partners to provide the resources they need to land projects that will bring economic growth and jobs to their communities.



Marketing

We tell the story of why companies should do business in Illinois.

