

GREATER PEORIA = GREATER POSSIBILITIES



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Economic Development Council

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

IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE

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



WHY GREATER PEORIA? 10 REASONS

<p>1 INTERMODAL HUB</p> <p>Peoria barge terminal navigable year-round 5 Class I and 6 Shortline railroads Peoria International Airport 3 major interstate highways</p>	<p>2 BUSINESS INVESTMENTS</p> <p>Annual R&D \$1 Billion 2016 Exports \$30 Billion Caterpillar Inc. 12,000 area employees</p>	<p>3 BUSINESS-FRIENDLY</p> <p>Forbes: Top 10 Places to Start CNN: Top 15 Places to Locate</p>	<p>4 AVAILABLE REAL ESTATE</p> <p>Office Warehouse Manufacturing Retail Shovel-Ready Industrial Parks</p>
<p>5 AFFORDABLE REAL ESTATE</p> <p>100,000-square-foot warehouse space Dallas: \$7.2 Million Peoria: \$4.1 Million Difference: \$3.1 Million 43% Lower!</p>	<p>6 WAGES LOWER THAN NATIONAL AVERAGES</p> <p>Manufacturing: 2.6% lower Logistics: 14% lower Plastics/Rubber: 15% lower Chemicals: 11% lower</p>	<p>7 LOWER MANUFACTURING WAGES</p> <p>35.6% Lower than Atlanta 20.0% Lower than Dallas 17.7% Lower than Chicago 14.4% Lower than St. Louis</p>	<p>8 AVAILABLE SKILLED WORKFORCE</p> <p>195,000 Workers 80% Under Age 54 90%+ High School Graduates 25% Bachelor's Degree (or higher)</p>
<p>9 MANUFACTURING FOCUS</p> <p>15% of Workforce Nationally-Ranked College of Engineering & Technology</p>	<p>10 LOW COST OF LIVING</p> <p>17.5% Lower than Chicago 10.5% Lower than Denver 6.5% Lower than Madison</p>	<p>There Are Greater Possibilities For Your Business – In Greater Peoria</p> <p>We're Here To Help</p> <p>Kim Uhlig Director Of Business Attraction 309.241.6319 kuhlig@greaterpeoriaedc.org</p>	