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TARGET SECTORS AND ASSETS

TOPEKA IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO SUPPORT A WIDE VARIETY OF INDUSTRIES.

From professional and financial services to food processing, Topeka, Kansas and Shawnee County have the resources to help your company thrive.

FOOD PROCESSING

As companies look to create the best product with an eye toward controlling cost, they will find Topeka can provide access to the talent and training that will enable their company to succeed. Within 60 miles of Topeka, they will be able to access a highly educated workforce with over 13,500 students graduating annually from KU, KSU and Washburn University along with access to agricultural research conducted at KSU and an existing workforce of over 3,600 currently in the food processing industry. Add to that Topeka's access to low cost reliable power, speed to markets, aggressive financial incentive programs, and on-time delivery with fast track permitting means that the region offers food manufacturing an unbeatable combination of assets:

- Business costs 14% below the national average
- Aggressive cash incentives for jobs, investment and training
- Excellent Interstate access and plenty of shovel-ready sites ranging from 10 to 230 acres
- International peers like Bimbo Bakeries, Mars Chocolate, Frito-Lay and Reser's Fine Foods
- Also home to Hill's Science Diet, Big Heart Pet Brands and Crosswinds Pet Foods
- Central location makes for timely delivery throughout North America. Within one day, goods shipped by truck reach 25% of US population, 90% by day two.
- Four universities within 60 miles



- K-State expertise in Food Science Institute. Nationally and Internationally recognized in food chemistry, food microbiology, food safety, cereal science, food engineering, and human nutrition
- American Institute of Baking- major center for wheat and related grain product research and development in the world. Provides research and technical services including: consulting for production and quality issues, ingredient testing, audits of ingredients and finished product quality.

ADVANCED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Topeka is setting the bar high when it comes to training for advanced systems technology. Washburn Tech is leading the charge with innovative programs that work hand in hand with area companies to create customized training curriculum that meets the needs of today's leading manufacturing companies. Graduates of these programs hit the ground running and create a much more efficient on-boarding process for new employees in the manufacturing industry. Add to that the infrastructure, speed to market and highway access and Topeka has a great mixture for success!

- Aggressive cash incentives for jobs and investment
- Four universities within 60 miles
- Business costs 15% below the national average
- Shovel-ready sites ranging from 10-230 acres
- Community technical school with customized training programs for industry partners
- International Peers : Mars Chocolate, Frito-Lay, Innovia Films, Goodyear Tire & Rubber
- Aggressive state incentive programs for jobs and training

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Entrepreneurship in this field is already happening in Topeka, a fact that speaks volumes about the region's assets for back office operations and data centers. Blue Cross, as well as Security Benefit (a home grown success story) prove that the market has the cost environment, infrastructure, and talent pool needed to thrive. Firms seeking educated, affordable labor willing to work non-traditional hours should look no further than students and graduates at neighboring universities. Low cost utilities, a stable business climate, and easy access to major markets, top off the many reasons why Topeka is an ideal location for professional and financial service companies.

- Home of 3 of the top 10 financial service IMO companies
- Four universities within 60 miles
- Local cash incentives for jobs and investment
- International Peers: Security Benefit, Advisors Excel, Federal Home Loan Bank, Gradient



- Aggressive state incentive programs for jobs and training
- Entrepreneurship in this field is already happening in Topeka/Shawnee County

LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION

Topeka and Shawnee County are nestled in the middle of the U.S. with connectivity to five major highways allowing quick access to Interstates 70 and 335. Topeka is home to one of the longest air runways in the U.S. At 12,800 feet long, Forbes Field Air Logistics Facility, located in the South Topeka Economic Growth Corridor, is one of the top six longest runways in the nation that is still under capacity.

Connected by Highway 75 and a BNSF Railway line and close to Interstate 335 and Interstate 70, the three sites represent the industrial infrastructure of future economic growth in Shawnee County. Topeka's strengths as a logistics and distribution hub have already proven to be invaluable to companies such as Target, Home Depot, Big Heart Pet Brands, Goodyear, Frito Lay and PTMW, who all have distribution centers in the community.

- Class I rail service from BNSF and Union Pacific
- Kansas ranks in the top 10 in the United States in railroad mileage
- Reach 90% of the U.S. market in 2 days
- 12,800 foot runway at Forbes Field
- At the crossroads of Interstate 70 and Highway 75
- Aggressive cash incentive programs for jobs and training
- Kansas ranks sixth for quality and access to transportation in all modes
- Local cash incentives for jobs and investment
- International Peers: Home Depot, Target, US Foods, Frito-Lay

OTHER BUSINESS ASSETS

- Up to a ten-year property tax exemption on real property
- Available public-owned shovel-ready sites can be used in the incentive package
- No property taxes on machinery and equipment newly acquired or placed into service in Kansas after July 1, 2006
- Workforce training funds
- Infrastructure assistance
- Industrial revenue bond financing



- State income tax credits
- Additional local incentives based upon number of jobs, average hourly wage and capital investment
- High Performance Incentive Program
- Sales Tax Incentive for construction