



Why Illinois?



Business Attraction



Daily Herald

Big Picture . Local Focus

Texas machine tool manufacturer is moving headquarters to Rolling Meadows

November 16th, 2021

“Danobat is thrilled to bring our US headquarters to Illinois – a move that aligns with our decision to offer direct and localized support to our customers in the region,” said **Manex Ochoteco**, President of Danobat, Inc. “As Danobat continues to expand our U.S. presence and to meet current global demand, **we can think of no better location than Illinois – a true hub for advanced manufacturing – to build our team and customer base.**”

Illinois' Standings



#1

METRO FOR NEW AND EXPANDING COMPANIES

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE

#1

MIDWEST STATE FOR BUSINESS CREATION

U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

#2

U.S. LOCATION FOR CORPORATE EXPANSIONS/RELOCATIONS

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE

#4

STATE FOR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

BUSINESS FACILITIES

5th

HIGHEST GDP IN THE NATION

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

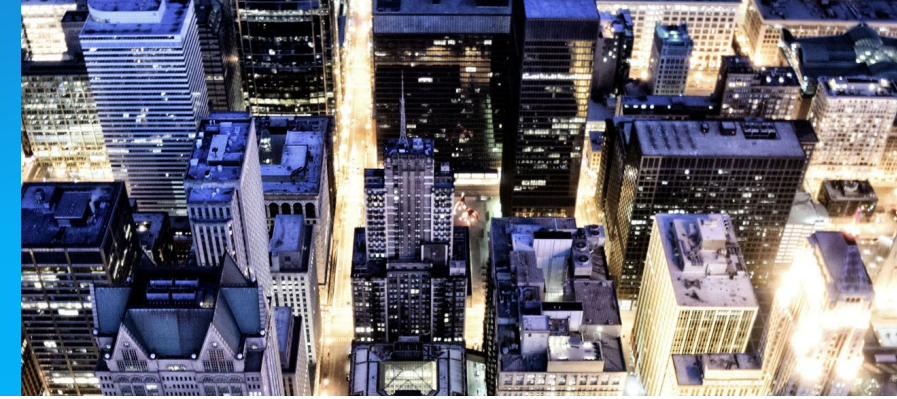
18th

LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS



Global Headquarters Hub



36

Fortune 500
Companies

230

Companies On
Inc. 5000 List

2000+

Foreign-Owned
Businesses

61

S&P 1000
Companies



abbvie



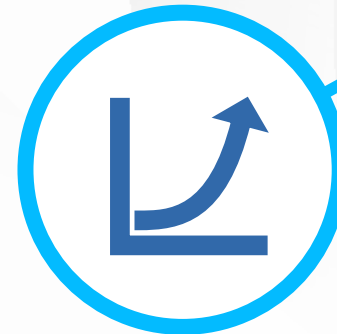
Start-ups and Small Business

From *world-renowned research universities*, to a *vibrant startup ecosystem*, Illinois is propelling the nation forward through new ideas.



Illinois is one of the top 5 states to start a business according to INC (only state in Midwest)

Chicago set a record for Venture investment with **\$10B+** in 2022



200% increase in startup companies launching from Illinois Universities over the past 5 years.

Magnet for The Brightest Minds

43% OF ILLINOISANS HAVE AN ASSOCIATES
DEGREE OR HIGHER

254 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
STATEWIDE



University of Illinois graduates more
Engineers each year than MIT, Stanford
& Caltech combined.

- 15th best University in the world - **University of Chicago**
- 2 Top 5 Business Schools in U.S. - **Kellogg & Booth Schools of Business**
- Top 5 Computer Science Program Nationally - **University of Illinois**
- 2 Top 5 Materials Engineering Programs in U.S. - **University of Illinois & Northwestern**
- Top 20 for Best Student Outcomes – **Northwestern**
- Top 5 percent in terms of research expenditure – **Southern Illinois University**



Building the Workforce of the Future

Illinois Top Community College Programs

Precision Production



Personal & Culinary Services



Mechanic & Repair Technologies



Security, Policing & Firefighting



Health Professions



Family & Consumer Sciences



Engineering Technologies



Construction Trades



Computer & Information Sciences



Business, Management & Marketing



- Ranked **6TH NATIONALLY** in total labor force
- Robust community college system:
 - 48 institutions
 - Over 233K students enrolled (fall 2020 school year)
- **STATE INVESTED \$15M** into Manufacturing Training Academies
 - **Heartland Community College Electric Vehicle-Energy Storage**
 - First-of-its-kind EV manufacturing training program made possible by partnership with electric vehicle manufacturer, Rivian.
 - **Southwestern Illinois College Advanced Manufacturing Center**
 - Manufacturing education hub in Belleville, expanding upon school's successful manufacturing training facilities



World-Class Infrastructure



AIR

Within 4-hour flight of all major North American destinations and the most overseas nonstop flights



BROADBAND

Virtually every major data network in the world intersects in Chicago



WATER

2 major inland ports & 19 port districts with more than 1K miles of navigable waterways



RAIL

Only state with all 7 Class 1 Railroads



ROAD

3rd largest interstate highway system in the U.S.

At Crossroads of U.S. Economy

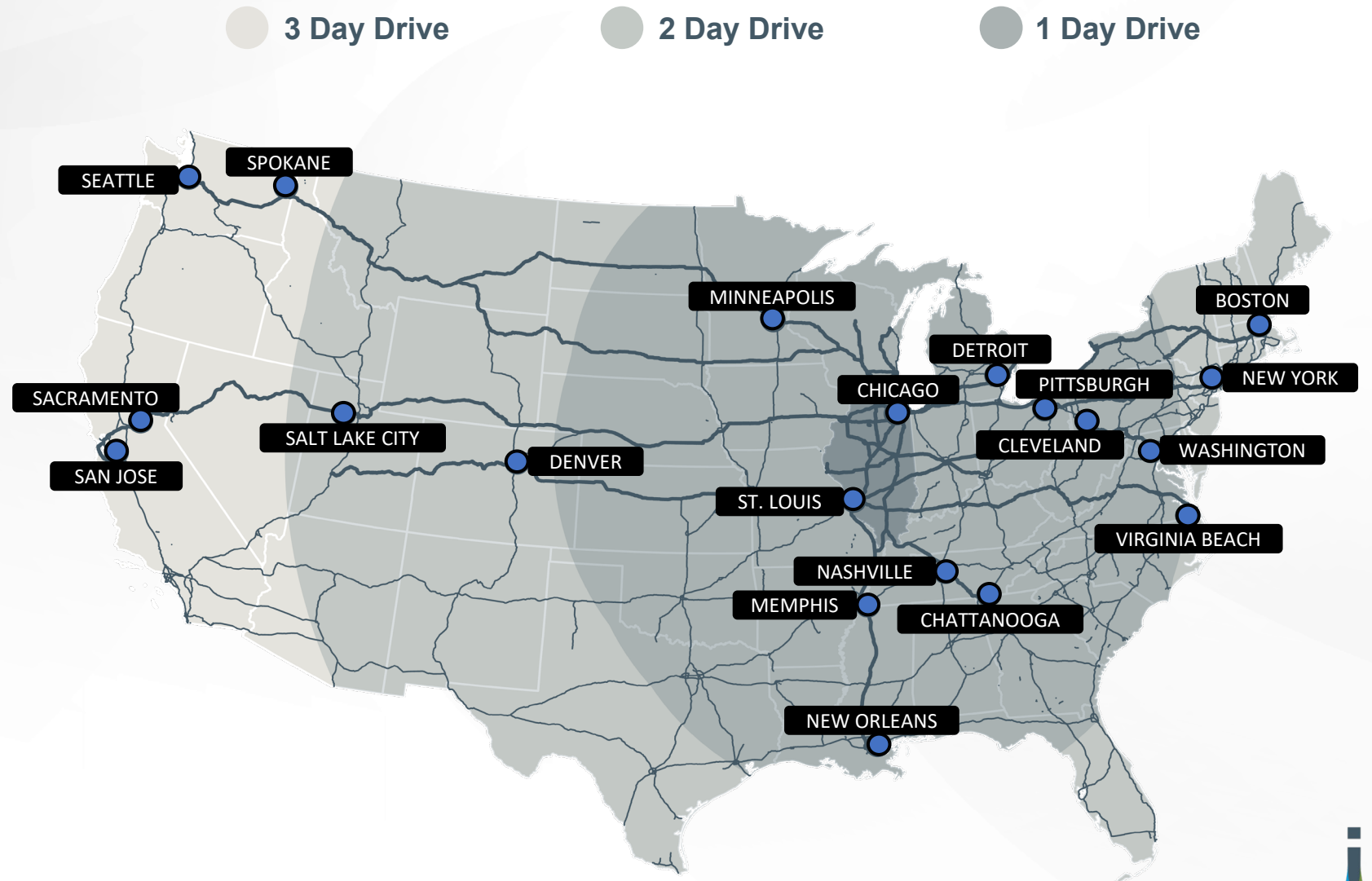
3RD Largest Interstate Highway System in the U.S.

83% of the Continental U.S. Population Within a **Two-Day Trucking Distance** of Illinois

Truck Access to **Over 70%** of Eastern U.S. Locations in **13 Hours or Less**

15.9K+ Miles of **State Highway**

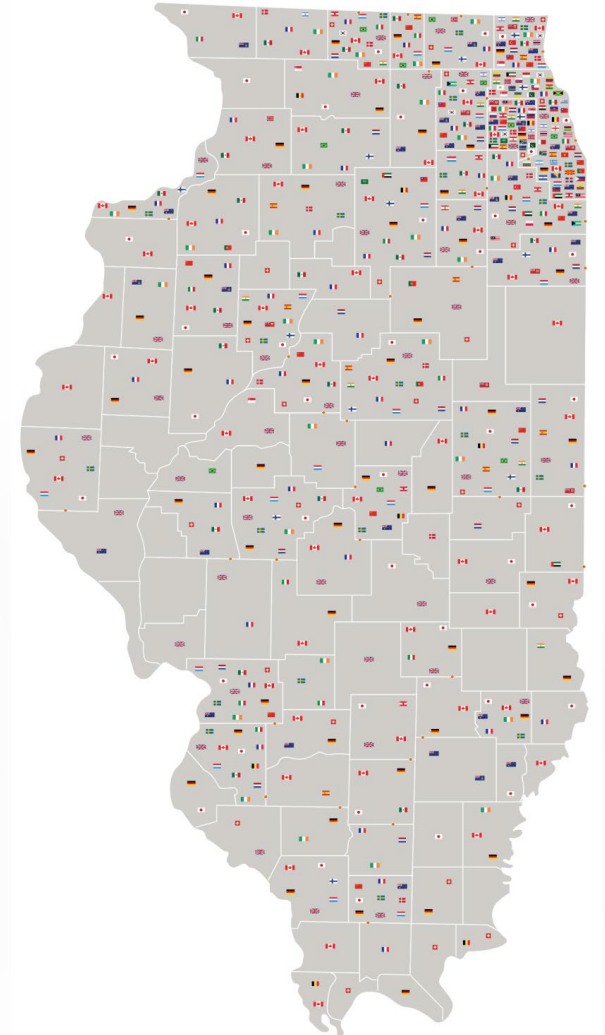
Over 145K+ Miles of **Public Road**



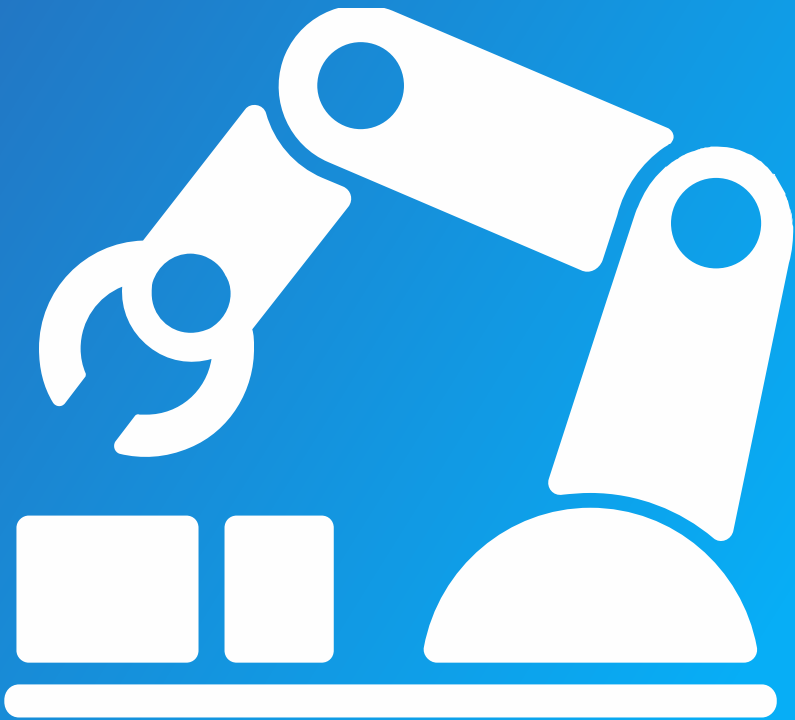
Global Destination For Investment

HOME TO 2,034 FOREIGN OWNED COMPANIES

- More than \$112B in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- International companies **EMPLOY 380K ILLINOISANS**
- **CHICAGO METRO RANKED #1** for FDI by Site Selection Magazine
- Robust international business resources including **EIGHT FOREIGN TRADE ZONES AND 29 SUBZONES**
- Illinois Office of Trade and Investment has **SIX REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL OFFICES** in Belgium, Canada, China, Israel, Japan and Mexico



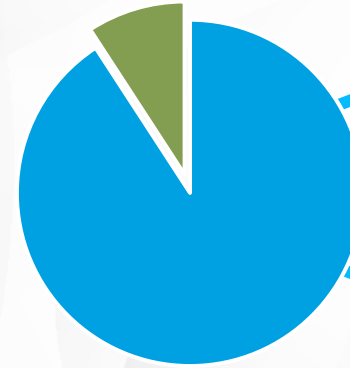
Advanced Manufacturing



560,000+ employed in
manufacturing



8.9% of the state's workforce is
employed in manufacturing



4TH highest manufacturing
GRP in the U.S.



Manufacturing accounts for
12.7% of the Illinois GDP



Why Illinois?

FOOD INNOVATION HUB

-  **#1** for private food related R&D
-  **#1** for protein patents awarded
-  **#3** exporter of agricultural commodities
-  **#3** food processing industry in nation (GRP \$13B)
-  **#5** for agriculture & agtech startups (268)

6,168 AGRIBUSINESS COMPANIES

UNMATCHED SKILLED WORKFORCE



1st in Master's &
2nd in PhD's
awarded in food
science



36 institutions with
agribusiness-related
programs graduate
+2,900 students
annually



More than **1,800**
degrees awarded in
molecular & cellular
biology, food science
and chemistry



Over **20,000**
employed in industries
similar to alternative
protein production



Job concentration
in protein
production
industries **25%**
over national
average

UNIQUELY CONNECTED TO THE U.S. MARKET AND THE WORLD



Central location with robust
transportation, distribution
and logistics infrastructure
to move products



Only state with all Seven Class I railroads // 3rd
largest highway system // Largest inland port // Within
four-hour flight to all major North American
destinations // Most international flights in U.S.



Global business
center with unique
connections
around the world



Illinois: A Hub for Electric Vehicles

Experience in **AUTO MANUFACTURING, INNOVATION** and **COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE** make Illinois an ideal place for EV companies to **EXPAND** and **THRIVE**.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT to achieve 100% clean energy, **INCENTIVES** for EV development, and programs such as **DIRECT TO CONSUMER SALES**

PROVEN EV SUCCESSES

ECOSYSTEM including R&D, accelerators, incubators and innovation

UNMATCHED INFRASTRUCTURE



ROBUST AUTOMOTIVE & HEAVY MACHINERY INDUSTRY supply chain specializing in battery manufacturing, unique EV and shared vehicle components

EV WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

RENEWABLE ENERGY that is reliable and affordable



Life Sciences



Employment in Illinois' Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing is **1.8x the national average**

+13.6K Life Sciences Firms;
Industry Employs **+750K,**
Ranking 7th Nationally



1.35K medicine & medical clinical sciences doctorate degrees conferred,
placing Illinois at 5th in the nation

34% of all business R&D is in pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, compared to **21% nationally.**



Transportation, Logistics and Distribution



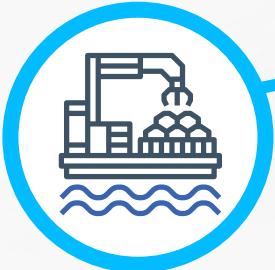
5th most concentrated TDL workforce
in the Nation

3rd in U.S. in total number of Transportation
& warehousing establishments



Only state to rank in the top 5 for both
concentration and size of workforce for
the TDL sector

TDL startups have raised over \$7.7B and
closed over 336 deals in Illinois since 2010



Position at the center of the U.S. and
infrastructure provide a unique access to
air, digital, port, rail, and roads.



Competitive Energy Mix

Illinois is committed to a clean energy future. The state has the **6TH HIGHEST ENERGY SOURCES FROM CLEAN/CARBON-FREE GENERATION**, and businesses have access to **100% RENEWABLES** through the state's **COMPETITIVE ENERGY MARKET**

ELECTRIC

Affordability

- Industrial/commercial electric prices **25% below the national average** - among the lowest prices in Midwest, **average prices have decreased 2%** over last 10 years
- **2nd lowest increase in average electrical prices** since 1997 at just 24%, well below the level of inflation

Reliability

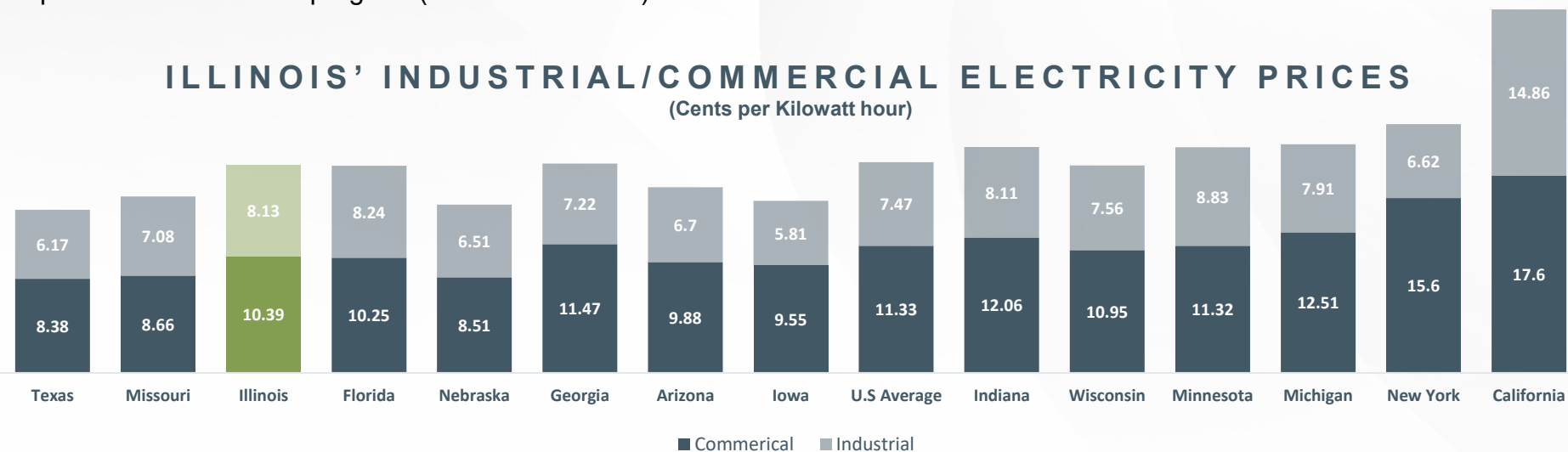
- **#2 electric grid in the U.S.** based on performance, policies and customer program (GridWise Alliance)

Efficiency

- One of most extensive energy efficiency program portfolios in nation saving in costs **eliminating over 42M tons of CO2 emissions**
- Illinois is committed to **acquiring 25% of its retail electricity from renewable sources by 2025 and 50% by 2040**

ILLINOIS' INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL ELECTRICITY PRICES

(Cents per Kilowatt hour)

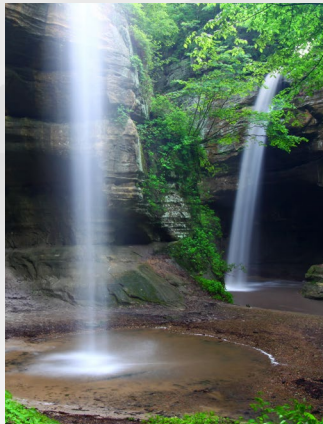
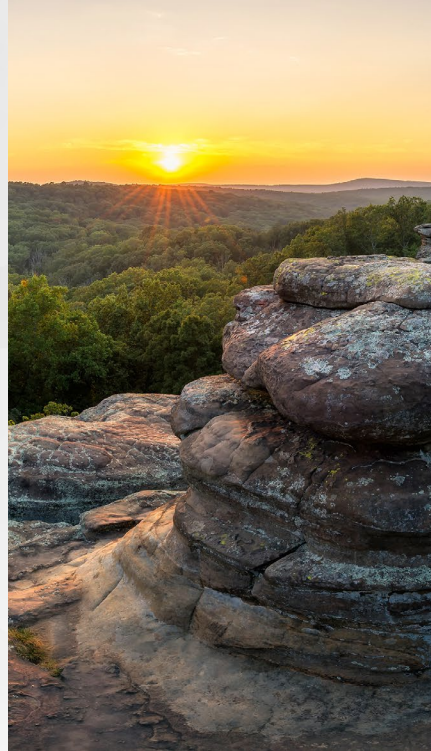


SOURCE: EIA

■ Commercial ■ Industrial



Quality of Life - 13 Million and Growing



EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE

- 677 nationally ranked public high schools
- College enrollment in Illinois has risen by over 63% since 1970
- Top quality medical facilities including Northwestern Memorial hospital ranked among best hospitals in nation

A STATE FOR SPORTS

- 9 professional sports teams
- 11 golf courses ranked in Top 100 Best in U.S. within 150 Miles
- Over 1,200 sporting venues from tournaments to Olympic time trials

WORLD-CLASS DINING, HOTELS, NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

- Over 47K hotel rooms in Chicago Loop alone, and over 4K hotels in Illinois
- More than 30K restaurants and eateries across Illinois
- Over 600 music venues and 250 music festivals
- More than 30 film festivals
- Music and comedy legends; theater, opera ballet and more

ABUNDANT OUTDOOR AMENITIES

- More than 309 state parks for hiking, biking, fishing, camping & more
- The 280,000 Acre Shawnee National Forest offers 7 designated wilderness areas and 8 national natural landmarks
- Over 225 miles of bike lanes with 13,000 bike racks

INCOMPARABLE ARTS AND CULTURE

- More than 50 designated state historic sites
- More than 500 museums and art galleries

OPTIONS FOR EVERY LIFESTYLE

- From rural to urban
- Four seasons
- Low cost of living



Illinois

The Choice is Clear

BUSINESS POWERHOUSE

SKILLED WORKFORCE

DIVERSE INDUSTRIES

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS HUB

WORLD CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE



GAF To Invest \$80M In Illinois Manufacturing Facility

The roofing manufacturer will build a 450,000-square-foot plant that will employ more than 70 workers in North Peru, IL.

July 15, 2022



In Illinois, GAF will invest \$80 million to build a 450,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in North Peru. A Standard Industries company, New Jersey-based GAF is North America's largest roofing and waterproofing manufacturer. The facility, located just north of I-80 and west of Plank Road on the OmniTRAX rail line, will manufacture the company's EnergyGuard™ line of products. Construction is expected to begin in the third quarter of this year with production beginning on the site in 2024.

"GAF's growth is fueled by a deep commitment to serving our customers with innovative products and outstanding service. This investment in Peru is a clear demonstration of this commitment," said Jim Schnepfer, CEO of GAF. "Peru's proximity to our customer base, transportation infrastructure and access to outstanding manufacturing and engineering talent make it an ideal location for us to continue our growth."



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-- GAF CEO Jim Schnepfer, July 2022

“This is the biggest thing to happen to us in 30 years.”

-- Director of Economic Development, City of Peru, July 2022



Thank You

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