

MICHIGAN CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION



SUPPORTING YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

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“LEARN TO SEE,
AND THEN YOU’LL KNOW
THAT THERE IS NO END
TO THE NEW WORLDS
OF OUR VISION.”

—Carlos Castaneda



At first look, Michigan City, Indiana, appears to offer the lifestyle benefits of a small town—literally no traffic congestion, a lower cost of living, a slower pace and a true sense of community.

Next, you see that Michigan City offers the recreational benefits of being situated on the southern shores of Lake Michigan and adjacent to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park. And when it comes to cultural and entertainment options as well as top-quality

educational facilities, its easily-accessible location in a diverse Midwestern region multiplies the choices available to its residents.

Yet as you look deeper, you see a potential business location that is situated at the center of a major economic region containing more than half of the population of the United States, connected by key highway and rail systems.

From both a personal and business standpoint, being located in Michigan City provides both the individual and the business owner a wide range of personal and business assets to create the life and business success that they want.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Visit us on the shores of Lake Michigan and imagine the possibilities. With our excellent accessibility to a diversified region, Michigan City is simply a great place to live, work and grow a business.

Nestled into the white-sand shores of Lake Michigan, Michigan City is located in the northernmost part of LaPorte County, Indiana, and is only 55 miles east of Chicago and 10 miles southwest of the Michigan stateline.

Our city's economy features a sound industrial base accompanied by strong retail, service and tourism sectors. The community is also extremely well-oriented and easily accessible to the greater Chicago area—America's second largest market.

Our central location between Chicago and other leading Midwestern industrial and consumer markets makes Michigan City a natural location for production and distribution facilities. Located within one-day's drive to half of the population of the United States, markets within 200 miles of Michigan City include Detroit, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Toledo.

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

A key attribute of any business location is the commitment of its existing leaders to the continued growth and vitality of the community. The very existence of the Michigan City Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) is one of many examples of a commitment to growing the local economy

and attracting new industry and business to the community.

MCEDC services, programs and one-on-one assistance demonstrate our dedication to providing the optimum business environment—a place where your business will be supported to prosper and grow.

The MCEDC's mission is to bring together the right mix of resources including government officials, utility engineers, and the expertise of business leaders to encourage investment and support business growth. And our competitive incentive packages make Michigan City a strong contender for business location and expansion decisions.



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BUSINESS SUPPORT

MCEDC is committed to providing the resources needed for business success—whether it's a company considering the area as a new location, supporting the growth of existing companies or assisting entrepreneurs working to start-up a business.

MCEDC provides information on utility companies, government agencies and other public and private entities necessary for a business to thrive. In addition, MCEDC maintains information on buildings available for any type of business, or acreage available at a fraction of the national average cost.

JUST A FEW OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES INCLUDE:

- **Site Selection Assistance**
- **State and Local Regulatory Guidance**
- **Customized Incentive Packages**
- **Financing Options**
- **Tax Abatement Program**
- **Approval Process Technical Assistance**
- **Workforce Evaluation, Training and Assistance**
- **Multi-Media City Orientation Presentation**
- **Critical Business Issue Assistance**
- **Business Visitation program**
- **Business-to-Business Networking**

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EDUCATION

Another benefit from Michigan City's highly-accessible regional location is eight different colleges, universities and vocational schools are easily within a one hour drive.

These educational and cultural opportunities include the nationally recognized institutions of Indiana University, the University of Notre Dame, Purdue University, St. Mary's College and Valparaiso University.

Education is a key component to any site selection decision a business makes, both for the quality of life of its employees, as well as for a source of qualified employment candidates. While Michigan City's location affords easy accessibility to a range of vocational schools and nationally-recognized universities, it is also home to outstanding educational programs.

Purdue University North Central

Serving 3,900 area students as a regional campus, Purdue University North Central (PNC) offers students a variety of Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's and MBA degree programs. PNC continues to grow with recent investments including a University Village, offering students high-quality housing adjacent to PNC.

IVY Tech

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's third largest public higher education system. An open-access, two-year technical college, Ivy Tech offers courses, degree programs, and training leading to certification as well as continuing education. With a local campus located in Michigan City, businesses have ready-access to customized training opportunities to meet their specific requirements.

Brown Mackie College

The Brown Mackie College system of schools, with schools in the Midwest, Southeast, and Southwest United States, is dedicated to providing educational programs that prepare students for entry level positions in a competitive, rapidly changing workplace. Students can choose from a range of bachelor's degree, associate's degree, diploma, and certificate programs. The Michigan City location offers programs in business, health care, legal assistance and computer technology.



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TRANSPORTATION

Michigan City is surrounded by excellent transportation assets—whether by road, rail, air or water—providing timely and accessible service to regional and national markets.

Land-Based Transportation

A network of modern roadways serve the immediate area making it easy to get people and freight to and from Michigan City quickly and efficiently. Major routes include: east/west Interstate 94, east/west Interstate 80/90, major U.S. highways 6, 12, 20, 30, 35 and 421, as well as Indiana state highways 29, 49 and 149. More than 40 motor freight carriers provide a wide range of services to the area assuring competitive rates.

Rail Services

Critical to the economical movement of raw materials and manufactured products, Michigan City is situated on a CSX Transportation mainline and is served by Norfolk Southern Railroad. The Chicago South Shore & South Bend Freight Railroad provides interline connections with all railroads in Chicago, facilitating service to all national rail markets.



Easily Accessible to Major Markets

- Chicago, Illinois - 55 miles West
- Cincinnati, Ohio - 250 miles Southeast
- Cleveland, Ohio - 285 miles East
- Detroit, Michigan - 200 miles Northeast
- Evansville, Indiana - 297 miles South
- Fort Wayne, Indiana - 117 miles East
- Indianapolis, Indiana - 150 miles South
- Kansas City, Missouri - 569 miles Southwest
- Louisville, Kentucky - 271 miles South
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin - 144 miles Northwest
- Minneapolis, Minnesota - 486 miles Northwest
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 432 miles East
- Port of Indiana (International) - 23 miles West
- St. Louis, Missouri - 318 miles Southwest
- South Bend, Indiana - 34 miles East
- Toledo, Ohio - 150 miles East



Michigan City's rail assets also benefit consumer passengers with 40 daily commuter trains running through Michigan City between Chicago and South Bend. In addition, Amtrak provides daily passenger service to Chicago and Detroit with connections to numerous national destinations.

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