

You Can Make it Here!

Low cost of living & doing business, excellent labor resource,
good supplier base and close proximity to markets!



Ideal Business Location

Northwest Pennsylvania is centrally located and your gateway to **major markets** in the Eastern United States and Canada.



With a population of **734,284** in the northwest region, and located within a half-day drive from one-third of America's population, Northwest PA is within a short driving distance of New York City, Chicago, Toronto, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington DC.

We are the ideal location for your business expansion or relocation project!

Tourism

The best vacation your family has ever had is still in your future. Whether you enjoy the country or the city; early mornings or breathtaking sunsets; peace and quiet or activities and adventure, we've got it all. Anything you would ever want to do is all right here.

For more info. on our Tourist Promotion Agencies (TPAs), go to: SelectPAgreatlakes.com/meet.htm

Higher Education and Training

The Northwest Region is home to **11** Colleges and Universities!

Technical Education:

- Clarion University - Biotech Center
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)
- Penn State Behrend - Plastics Research Center
- Precision Manufacturing Institute (PMI)

...And **7** county Technical Schools

Top Employers

- GE Transportation
- Hamot Medical Center
- Saint Vincent Health Center
- Erie Insurance Group
- Verizon
- Plastek Industries
- United Refining Company
- Meadville Medical Center
- Lord Corporation
- PPG Industries, Inc.
- Joy Mining Machinery
- UPMC Northwest
- Jameson Memorial Hospital
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Sharon Regional Health System

Industries

Existing

- Wood Products
- Plastics
- Industrial Machinery
- Fabricated Metals
- Prefabricated Housing
- Tool and Die
- Health Care

Target

- Medical Devices
- Warehousing & Distribution
- Alternative Energy
- Food Processing
- Call Centers/Back Offices

Infrastructure



Airports:

- *Erie International
- Cleveland Hopkins International
- Pittsburgh International
- Buffalo International
- Youngstown/Warren Regional
- *Venango Regional
- *Clarion County Airport
- *Corry-Lawrence Airport
- *New Castle Municipal Airport
- *Greenville Municipal Airport
- *Grove City Airport

*Highways

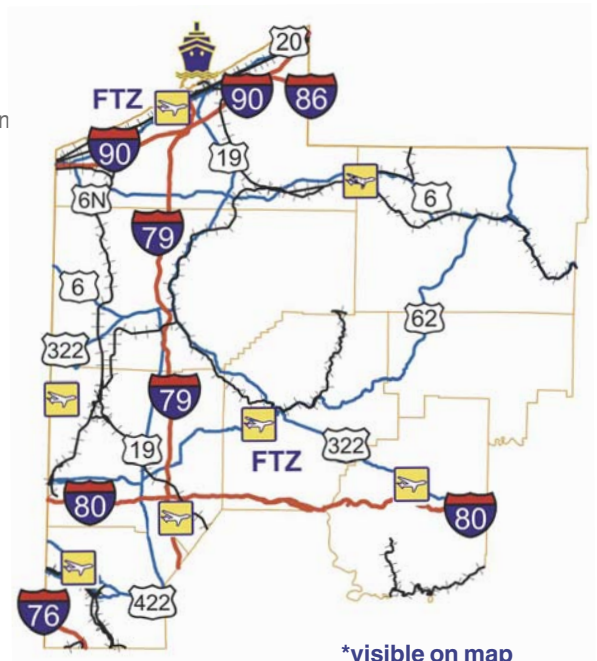
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Foreign Trade Zones: FTZ

*Erie and Venango Counties

Ports:

- *Port of Erie
- Pittsburgh
- Baltimore
- Philadelphia
- New York
- Cleveland



*visible on map

Recreational and Cultural Amenities

- 79 public golf and country clubs
- Allegheny National Forest
- American Golf Hall of Fame (Foxburg Country Club)
- Drake Well, Birthplace of the Oil Industry
- Erie Otters (Ontario Hockey League)
- Erie Philharmonic Orchestra
- Erie Seawolves (Minor League Baseball Team)
- Erie Zoo
- Fireworks Capital of the USA (Zambelli Fireworks)
- Grove City Outlets
- Kinzua Dam & Allegheny Reservoir
- Lake Erie/Presque Isle State Park
- Reyers (Worlds Largest Shoe Store)
- Splash Lagoon (Indoor Water Park)

Workforce

Hourly Wage Rates by Occupation

Technical

Electronics Technician	\$14.83 - \$17.77
Medical/Laboratory Technician	\$14.72 - \$17.27
Network Technician	\$14.88 - \$18.51
Computerized Numeric Control (CNC)	\$15.66 - \$19.69
Computerized Aided Design (CAD)	\$14.22 - \$17.71

Skilled

Machine Maintenance	\$11.96 - \$14.33
Machinist	\$14.25 - \$16.93
Tool and Die	\$15.22 - \$18.26
Welder	\$12.61 - \$14.86

Semi-Skilled

Forklift Operator	\$9.24 - \$11.31
Machine Operator	\$10.61 - \$12.81

Unskilled

Call Center Sales Rep.	\$10.01 - \$11.76
General Laborer	\$8.37 - \$9.59
Hand Packer	\$8.01 - \$9.39
Material Handler	\$9.25 - \$11.03
Warehouse Worker	\$9.74 - \$11.52

(Source: ERI)

Wage Rates by Industry

Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing

(NAICS 11)

Mining (NAICS 21)

Utilities (NAICS 22)

Construction (NAICS 23)

Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)

Wholesale (NAICS 42)

Retail (NAICS 44-45)

(NAICS 48-49)

Transportation & Warehousing

Information (NAICS 51)

Finance, Insurance & Real

Estate (NAICS 52-53)

All Services (NAICS 54-56, 61, 62, 71, 72, 81)

Total

Avg. Annual Salary

\$20,286

\$35,527

\$58,323

\$32,654

\$38,984

\$32,400

\$19,607

\$29,043

\$34,855

\$32,413

\$23,298

\$28,003

(Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor & Industry)

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Select Sites



• **Trinity Point (155 acres, KOZ)** Trinity Point, designed for research and development, is shovel ready, high tech, and has three sources of high-speed internet. It features dual electrical feed, and is located directly on I-80, offering direct transportation access. Close connection with Clarion University benefits workforce and technology transfer.

• **Knowledge Park (200 acres)** Knowledge Park offers a superior technological infrastructure and close ties to Penn State Erie's strengths in applied research and technology transfer. Fiber-optic connectivity exists throughout the park, providing tenants with the most advanced communications technology to meet all voice, video, and data requirements.

• **Millennium Technology Park (530 acres, KOZ)** Easy access to I-80, I-76 & I-79 and is located 45 min. from Pittsburgh International Airport. It has 3 million gallons per day water capacity, high pressure gas line adjacent to site, excess sewer capacity, and TI lines available throughout service area.

• **Reynolds Industrial Parks (1,200 acres)** Over 300,000 square feet of development-owned and managed High-Tech buildings, available for lease at rates which are among the least expensive in Western PA. Located within a 15-30 min. drive to both Interstates 79 and 80. And within a 10-15 min. drive of the Venango Regional Airport/Foreign Trade Zone.

For more sites visit: www.SelectPAgreatlakes.com

Incentives

Keystone Opportunity Zones

KOZs represent the boldest, most forward-thinking economic development program in the nation. Through credits, waivers, and comprehensive deductions, **state and local taxes** on economic activity (such as sales taxes, corporate net income and property tax) in KOZs **are reduced to almost zero**. These tax abatements remain in effect through 2013.

Customized Training Programs

The third largest program in the nation, the Customized Job Training program is responsive to employer needs by **providing grant funds for specialized job training** to existing or newly-hired employees.

Guaranteed Free Training Program

Through the Workforce and Economic Development Network of PA (WEDnetPA), qualified companies may receive **free job training** for basic entry-level skills and advanced information technology skills for their employees.