



REGIONAL SERVICE TERRITORY RANKINGS

Midwest:

- Lowest workers compensation cost.
- 2nd lowest industrial electric costs in the nation.
- Location for Toyota's 2nd largest vehicle assembly plant.
- Purdue Research Park is the #1 university research park in the country.

OUR REGIONS ARE SPECIAL

Duke Energy has service territory in the Midwest and the Southeast. When you consider workforce, infrastructure, or tax incentives, we can deliver by providing a diverse set of available buildings or locations to fit your specific needs.

In September, 2006, Site Selection magazine, the industry's leading economic development trade publication, named Duke Energy's Carolinas and Midwest operations among the top U.S. utilities for economic development. Criteria included job creation and capital investment in 2005, and the development of new programs and services that are attractive for economic growth.

Midwest – Indiana / Cincinnati USA

Incentives:

We can help you determine whether your business may qualify for one or more incentive programs. Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credit, Industrial Development Grant Fund, Economic Development for a Growing Economic Tax Credit, and Training Tax Credit give businesses a competitive edge. Sweeping tax reform has occurred in both Kentucky and Ohio. Each state offers its own benefits, depending on size, type and specialized needs of your company.

Workforce:

More than 1.56 million workers live within 50 miles of downtown Cincinnati USA, including 33,300 scientists and engineers. More than 972,000 students are enrolled each year at more than 299 colleges and universities within a 200-mile radius

Indiana boasts a 23 campus community college system, IvyTech, which is an asset for business. In 2005, more than 1,400 companies and thousands of students benefited from Workforce and Economic Development programs, including corporate training, continuing education and workforce certification.

Transportation:

Crisscrossed with 8 major interstates (I-69, I-65, I-94, I-70, I-74, I-64, I-80, and I-90) and over 1,169 miles of interstate, Indiana and Greater Cincinnati are linked to businesses and consumers in all directions of the US. Twenty major metro markets are within one day's truck driving time or Cincinnati USA, while 30 additional markets can be reached within two days time.

Professionals:

The Fifth Third Bank Entrepreneurship Institute at Northern Kentucky University was named one of the "Top 25 Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Programs: in the country by the Princeton Review and Entrepreneurship Magazine in 2006. The University of Cincinnati was ranked a Class I research university by the Carnegie Commission, and U.S. News and World Reports ranked the University's College in the top 20 of America's best graduate schools.

In 2006 U S News and World Report ranked Indiana universities among the top nationally for their programs in engineering, biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, and computer science, Universities include University of Notre Dame, Purdue University, and Indiana University – Bloomington.



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Southeast:

- North Carolina's business climate ranked #1 for three straight years (2001-2003) by Site Selection magazine.
- North Carolina ranks #3 in the U.S. in the biotechnology industry – *Ernst & Young's 2004 report*
- South Carolina offers
 - No state property tax
 - No local income tax
 - No inventory tax
 - No sales tax on manufacturing machinery, industrial power or materials for finished products
 - No wholesale tax
 - No unitary tax on worldwide profits

Southeast – North Carolina & South Carolina

Incentives:

The Carolinas continue to enhance their incentive programs. Let us educate you on the details of the Job Development Investment Grant, One North Carolina Fund, or Palmetto Fund. These programs offer robust incentives that are competitive with those of other Southeastern states.

Workforce:

The Carolinas' 75-campus Community College System has emerged as one of the largest in the nation and is recognized as the national leader for its support of economic workforce development and training. Examples of programs are ISO 9000, Total Quality Management, Team Building, Supervisory Development Training, Statistical Process Control and World Class Concepts.

Transportation:

Located centrally on the eastern seaboard, the Carolinas provide a global gateway to international markets. This is made possible by seven international airports (Charlotte-Douglas, Piedmont Triad, Raleigh/Durham, Wilmington, Greenville-Spartanburg, Charleston, and Myrtle Beach International), along with 9 regional airports.

Professionals:

The Carolinas ranked 11th out of all 50 states with 21,810 Doctorial Scientists and 3,320 Doctorial Engineers.