

Chicago Has Everything

a global business needs



Central Location

"Dual-hub" airport with over 2,900 flights per day

Non-stop air to 142 U.S., and 60 international

40% of North American industry in 2-day drive

Intersection of all six Class-One North American railroads

One of the nation's largest intermodal activity centers

North American hub of fiber-optic telecom

Strong and Diverse Economy

GRP of \$475B, just ahead of Sweden

Significant jobs in a range of industries; a leader in:

- Professional & business services

- Financial services

- Manufacturing

- Wholesale trade

- Transportation & warehousing

- Educational services

- Religious, grant-making, civic/professional orgs.

Home to numerous corporate headquarters:

- 29 Fortune 500

- 10 Fortune Global 500

- 12 Financial Times Global 500

Chicago ranked #1 in Foreign Direct Investment Strategy
- FDI Magazine's North American Cities of the Future 2009/10



Skilled Workforce

4.3 million workers in the metro region:

670,000+ in professional and business services

495,000+ in health sciences

417,000+ in manufacturing

195,000+ in information technology

37,000+ young professionals in or near downtown

Nearly 560,000 students at 136 higher ed. institutions

Home to two of America's top business schools:

Booth School of Business, U. of Chicago

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern

Unparalleled Quality of Life

Affordable cost of living

Lower than N.Y., Boston, S.F, L.A., and D.C.

80 miles of shoreline with 194 beaches and 570 parks

More sustainable (green) buildings than any U.S. metro

World-renowned symphony, opera, and dance

365 performing arts companies and 90+ museums

Nearly 15,000 restaurants

10 professional sports teams

World Business Chicago

A not-for-profit economic development corporation, chaired by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, dedicated to enhancing the Chicago region's global position as a business location.