ST LOUIS REGIONAL FREIGHTWAY

ST. LOUIS REGION ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Where Manufacturing Takes Flight

Why the St. Louis Region?

The St. Louis region is the gateway to global access with excellent freight infrastructure, transportation access, and shovel-ready industrial real estate availability. With a significant workforce concentration in aerospace, automotive, and machinery and equipment manufacturing, the region has the existing labor pool needed to support growing companies seeking a sustainable location to grow their business. Our unique ecosystem supports manufacturing businesses at every level, from the shop floor to the C-suite.

Key Existing Sub-Sectors

Aerospace

- The St. Louis region has nearly **6.5x more aerospace manufacturing employees** than other similar-sized markets, earning the region a ranking among the **top 20 metros for aerospace employment**.
- Boeing is planning a **$1.8 billion**, 1 million sq-ft advanced aerospace manufacturing facility at St. Louis Lambert International Airport and has invested **$200 million** in a new production facility at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, creating a total of **650 new jobs**.
- Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. has expanded its operations at the St. Louis Downtown Airport in Cahokia Heights, Illinois, creating **200 new full-time jobs** and retaining nearly 500 existing jobs. The **$30 million** expansion will bring Gulfstream's total footprint at St. Louis Downtown Airport to 642,657 sq ft.
- West Star Aviation recently expanded its facilities at St. Louis Regional Airport in East Alton, Illinois, investing **$20 million** to increase its footprint there to almost 500,000 sq ft and adding an estimated **60-80 new jobs**.

Automotive

- A recent **$1.5 billion expansion of General Motors** to begin building the next generation of midsize pickup trucks at its Wentzville, Missouri, facility resulted in the creation of new jobs and retention of **4,100 jobs** in total.
- **Toyota** is investing **$57 million** in its Troy, Missouri, casting plant to add a new production line, adding **57 new jobs** to its existing approximately **1,000 jobs**.*

Railroad Rolling Stock

Machinery & Equipment

Furniture & Fixtures

HVAC & Commercial

Our Advantages

Skilled Workforce

- **1st in the nation** for on-the-job training programs
- **3rd in the nation** for completed internships
- Over **56,000 skilled workers** in Advanced Manufacturing
- **3.5% net new job growth** rate over the last decade (2015-2025)

Business Environment

- **Illinois** is among the **Top 10 States for Business** in the U.S. for **infrastructure, cost of living,** and **education**.
- **Missouri** is among the **Top 10 States for Business** in the U.S. for **cost of doing business** and **cost of living**.

In Good Company

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One Location. Global Access.

6 Class I Railroads

Union Pacific, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Canadian National, and CPKCS

5 Regional Airports and 2 International Cargo Airports

St. Louis Lambert International Airport ranks among the top cargo airports in North America. In 2023, the airport moved **160,000 million pounds** of cargo for dedicated freighters such as UPS, FedEx, Amazon, DHL and more as well as belly cargo moved from passenger airlines. It began live animal exports in 2020.

4 Ice-free Ports on the Mississippi River

- **#1 most efficient** inland port in the nation
- Home to the Ag Coast of America, having the highest level of grain handling capacity along the Mississippi River
- 3 ports with container on barge capabilities
- Northernmost lock and ice-free port on the Mississippi River

4 Major Interstates

I-44 (St. Louis, Tulsa, Oklahoma City)
I-55 (Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans)
I-64 (Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia)
I-70 (Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Columbus, Baltimore)

Transportation that Transforms

Investments & Impact

- The St. Louis Regional Freightway is helping to advance almost **$9 billion** in planned infrastructure investments ($3.2 billion already funded).
- 5 Regional Airports deliver an economic impact of more than **$10 billion**.
- **7,000 acres** of Foreign Trade Zone Sites
- **Top 2** in the nation for mineral & ore exports
- **Top 17** for processed food exports
- **Top 25** for chemical exports

All economic data is sourced from Chmura JobsEQ, Q3 2025 dataset.

**Troy, Missouri, is located within the St. Louis, Missouri-Illinois, metropolitan statistical area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.*

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