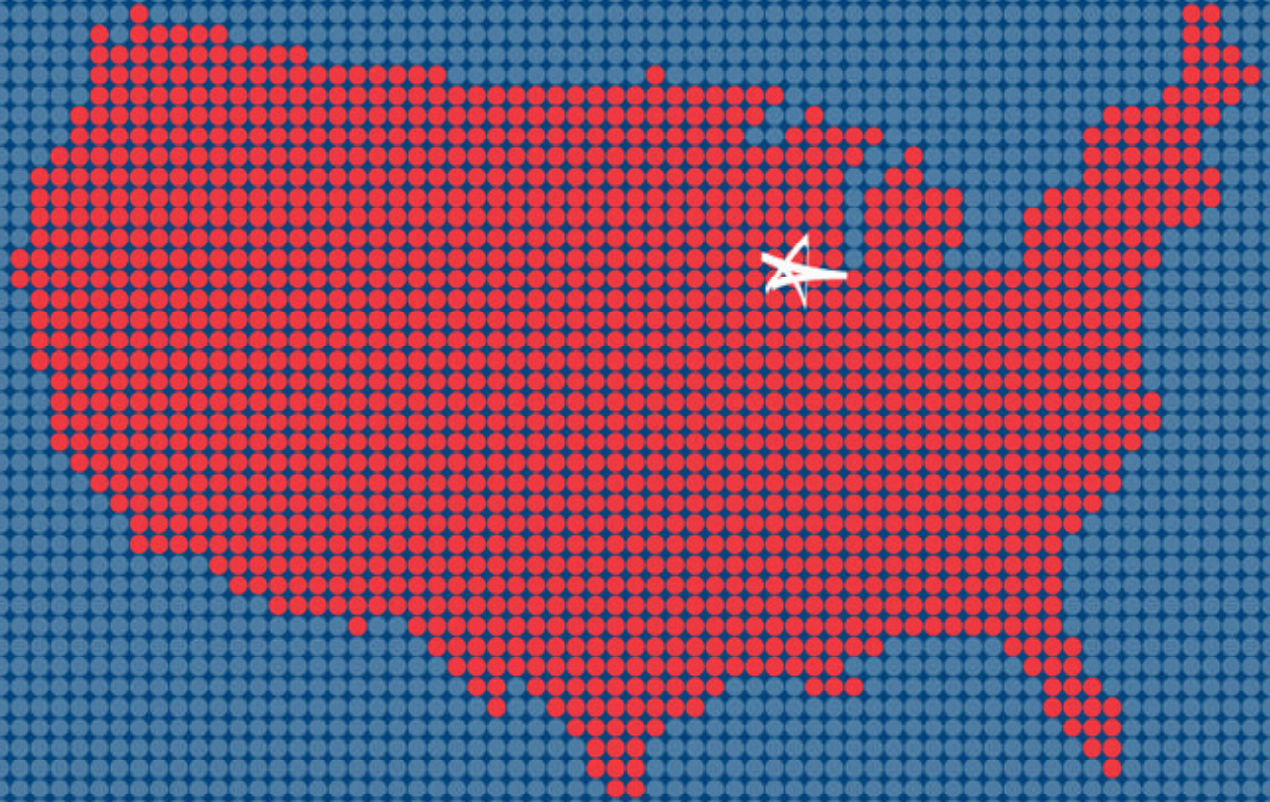


# Logistics Operations



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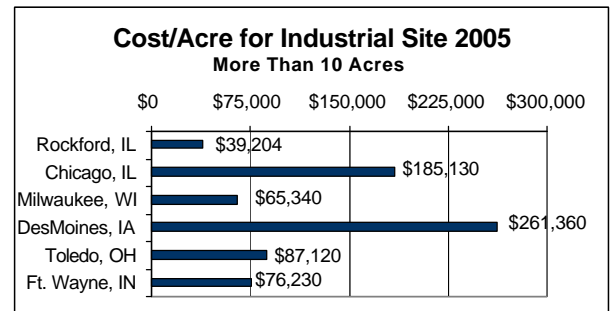
ROCKFORD AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

# Welcome to Rockford, Illinois...

...part of the 3rd largest economic corridor in the United States! Less than 70 miles west of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, 25 miles north of the new Union Pacific intermodal hub, and home of the Chicago/Rockford International Airport, the 19th fastest growing air cargo airport in the world, the Rockford Region provides easy access to virtually all markets with low transportation costs!

## The Rockford Region Advantage!

- The region is strategically positioned with easy access to 3 interstate, 2 federal and 9 state highways to serve your business needs
- The I-39 logistics corridor links to other corridors, including I-90/94, I-80, I-88 and I-74
- The Rockford area is centrally located within 1-2 days travel by ground to other significant markets
- The I-39 logistics corridor contains Global III, Union Pacific Railroad's largest intermodal hub
- The Chicago/Rockford International Airport (RFD), the 26th largest air cargo airport in the nation, includes:
  - UPS and the 2nd largest air hub in their system
  - BAX Global and DHL
  - A Customs Port of Entry with Foreign Trade Zone #176
  - Over 3000 acres of property, 1000 acres of which are ready to be developed for aviation and non-aviation business
  - Two sophisticated runways that span 10,000 and 8,200 feet, capable of landing any and all aircrafts in the world, with Category III/II capabilities
- Low cost of fully-improved industrial sites
- The area has an expanding telecommunications infrastructure



## Purchasing Power Comparison of Comparable Regions

- High quality of life with low cost of living and housing costs affords the workforce greater purchasing power
- Excellent affordable housing
- Cost of products and services in the region equal those of the nation as a whole

Region	Average Annual wages	Median housing Value	Cost of Living	Purchasing Power	Winnebago Comparison
Winnebago County, IL	\$44,054	\$105,810	88.2	<b>\$51,081</b>	
Essex County, MA	\$48,277	\$319,815	145.3	<b>\$22,257</b>	-35%
Hamilton County, OH	\$42,952	\$131,513	87.8	<b>\$48,920</b>	-6%
Imperial County, CA	\$44,658	\$158,117	188.7	<b>\$23,666</b>	-54%
Jefferson County, CO	\$45,198	\$238,726	110.4	<b>\$40,940</b>	-20%
Lake County, OH	\$43,742	\$127,481	183	<b>\$23,902</b>	-53%

Source: Regional Development Institute, NIU Outreach, Northern Illinois University

## Rockford's Workforce: Dedicated & Productive

- Productivity and value added of the workforce in truck transportation and warehousing/storage ranked higher than the IL and US average
- Low labor stress
- Good workforce availability - over 325,000 within a 30 mile radius
- Lower labor costs
- Employers interviews indicate high level of workforce integrity with no significant business theft issues

## Colleges & Universities

Training opportunities exist with regional colleges and universities, including:

- Northern Illinois University (NIU) - > 5,400 undergraduate and graduate degrees granted annually;
  - NIU-Rockford (branch)
  - Rockford College - > 400 degrees granted annually
  - Rock Valley College - > 2,000 degrees granted annually
- as well as over 75 other regional colleges and technical schools.

## Rockford Logistics Operations

The Rockford Region is gaining force as a logistics destination, with 650 logistics establishments that include 119 trucking companies, 28 trucking support operations, and 5 warehouses that employ over 8,500 employees!

## Representative Area Logistics Companies

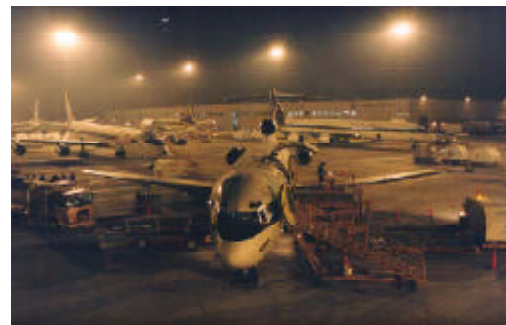
A & B Freight Line Inc	Cherry Valley Express Inc	Howe Freightways Inc	S & S Cartage Ltd
ABC Rapid Delivery Inc	Chuck Brauer Trucking Inc	Landstar Inway Inc	S Book Trucking Inc
ABF Freight System Inc	Con-Way Central Express Inc	Lock Stock & Barrel Express	Shadow Trucking Inc
Akb Transportation Inc	Cwts Inc	M F C H Inc	Silver Arrow Inc
All Pro Logistics LLC	Davidson Grain Inc	Meiborg Brothers Inc	Smitty's Express Trucking
Atlas Cold Storage Midwest Ltd	Davidson Trucking Inc	Mj Direct Express Delivery Svc	Todd Transit Inc
Bax Global Inc	Dayton Freight Lines Inc	Moran Transportation Corp	Transport Resource Inc
Bax Global International Inc	Dixon-Meyers Transportation	Ogilby Transfer & Storage Co	United Parcel Service Inc
Bon-Ton Stores Inc	Dobnick Trucking & Excavating	Petro Tech Hauling Inc	Universal Relocation Systems
Bourn & Koch Inc	Emery Air Inc	Pierce Packaging Co Inc	UPS Ground Freight Inc
Bush Motor Express Inc	Estes Express Lines Inc	Prisoner Transportation Svcs	USF Holland Inc
C L Swanson Corp	Fedex Ground Package System	R B R Trucking Inc	Van Springfield & Storage Co
Carlson Transport Inc	Foster Transportation Service	Rainbow Trucking Inc	Vitran Express Inc
Cassens Transport Co	G & D Transportation Inc	Ronald L Leek Industries Inc	Winnebago Cartage Co
Central Transport Intl	Gallano Trucking Inc	Rowland Express Inc	Yellow Transportation Inc
CH Robinson Co Inc	Graphic Arts Express Inc	Rubloff Jet Express LLC	

## Recent Announcements

1.4 M sq. ft. Lowe's Regional Distribution Center opens January 2007; 500 jobs being filled

UPS increases its sorting capacity by almost 50% in a \$25M expansion; 200 additional jobs created

UPS expands, adding \$7.4M, 75,000 sq. ft. heavy air cargo space and 60 additional jobs

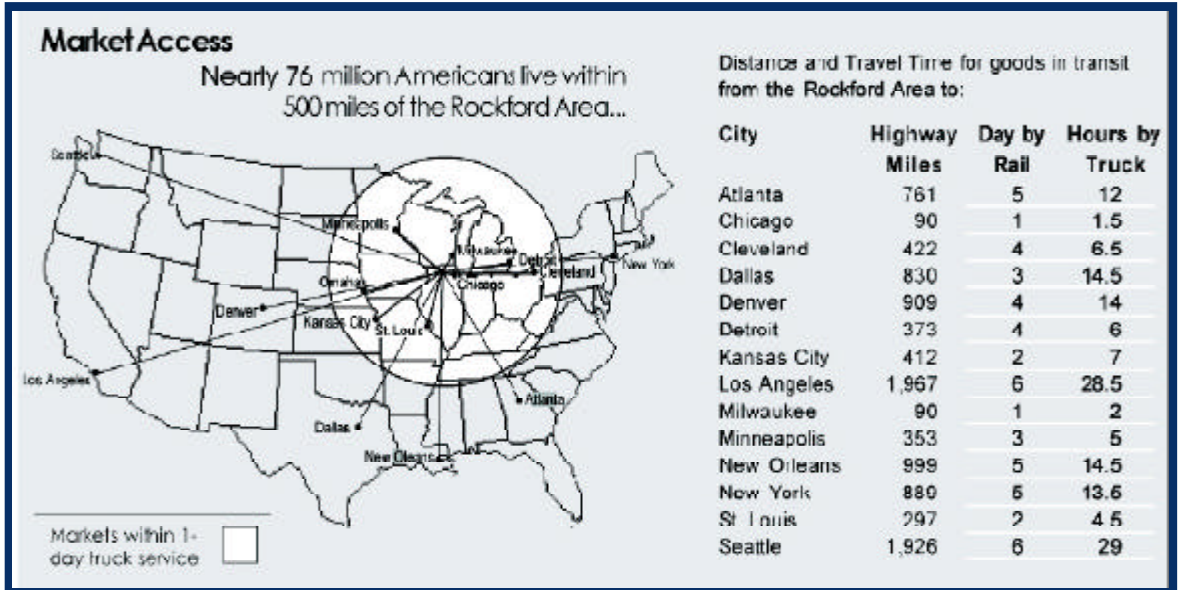


# Why Rockford, Illinois?

Location, location, location!

The Rockford, IL region has gone to the next level by incorporating multimodalism - the future of logistics - with excellent interstate and highway routes, a world-class international airport, and the state-of-the-art Union Pacific Intermodal transportation facility.

“Bring your business to the Rockford region - where the future of logistics begins!”



## We're Here to Help You

Looking for a place to locate or expand a business? Visit [rockfordil.com](http://rockfordil.com) today. Almost everything you need to know about Rockford's business advantages can be found there. In partnership with other public and private enterprises, the Rockford Area Economic Development Council markets the Rockford area and helps employers retain and create quality jobs. We will gladly help you facilitate your search and smoothly interface with governmental agencies. Call 815.987.8118 or email president Janyce Fadden at [jfadden@rockfordil.com](mailto:jfadden@rockfordil.com), VP of national business recruitment Eric Voyles at [evoyles@rockfordil.com](mailto:evoyles@rockfordil.com), or VP of development Mark Podemski at [mpodemski@rockfordil.com](mailto:mpodemski@rockfordil.com)

