



McPherson, Ks is known for the prosperity of our Industrial base and for its ability to deliver very competitive and extremely reliable electrical power to its customers.

**The municipally owned, McPherson Board of Public Utilities, boasts one the most competitive prices of electric power in the State of Kansas and in the Nation** which has helped McPherson Industry and the Community flourish.

McPherson is considered to be one of the most industrialized small communities in the nation. McPherson, KS is no stranger to economic development. More than 55 industries already call McPherson "home". Several large companies in McPherson include Pfizer (manufacturer of pharmaceutical drugs), CHS Oil Refinery (gasoline and oil products), Viega (plastic and metal), Johns-Manville (fiberglass insulation) and many others. **Check out our video below to see why McPherson Matters:**

<https://vimeo.com/145431177>

### Utilities

- Full utility services including fiber-optic telecommunications services
- McPherson Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has one of the lowest electric rates in the US. Industrial businesses in McPherson paid an average of only 5.1 cents per kWh in 2015. See **APPENDIX A** for 2014 National rate comparisons.

### Rail

- The BPU Industrial Park is served by the WATCO Kansas and Oklahoma (K&O) Railroad
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest short-line railroad in the Country
- Rail-spur construction capabilities
- Switching agreements with major rail lines providing virtually unlimited rail service.
- Rail line runs along the south edge of the both the building as well as the site's property
- A spur can be constructed to meet the needs of the business



### **McPherson's location**

- Along I-135 connecting to Salina to the North and Wichita to the South
- Only 30 miles from I-70
- On K-56 connecting to Emporia
- On K-61 connecting to Hutchinson
- Access to the Kansas City region extremely easy via I-70 or US-56 and I-35
- Wichita's Dwight D. Eisenhower Airport is only 45 minutes from McPherson
- See **APPENDIX B** to see where we are located on the map

### **Workforce Availability**

- In August 2015, the number of unemployed persons in the McPherson area averaged 3,784 with a civilian workforce of over 110,000, equal to a community with a population over 200,000.
- 35% of McPherson's industrial workforce commutes from outside of McPherson. Commuting to our community is fast and easy given the fact, we are located at the intersection of two highways (I-135 and US-56).



### **ACT & Kansas WorkReady Certificate**

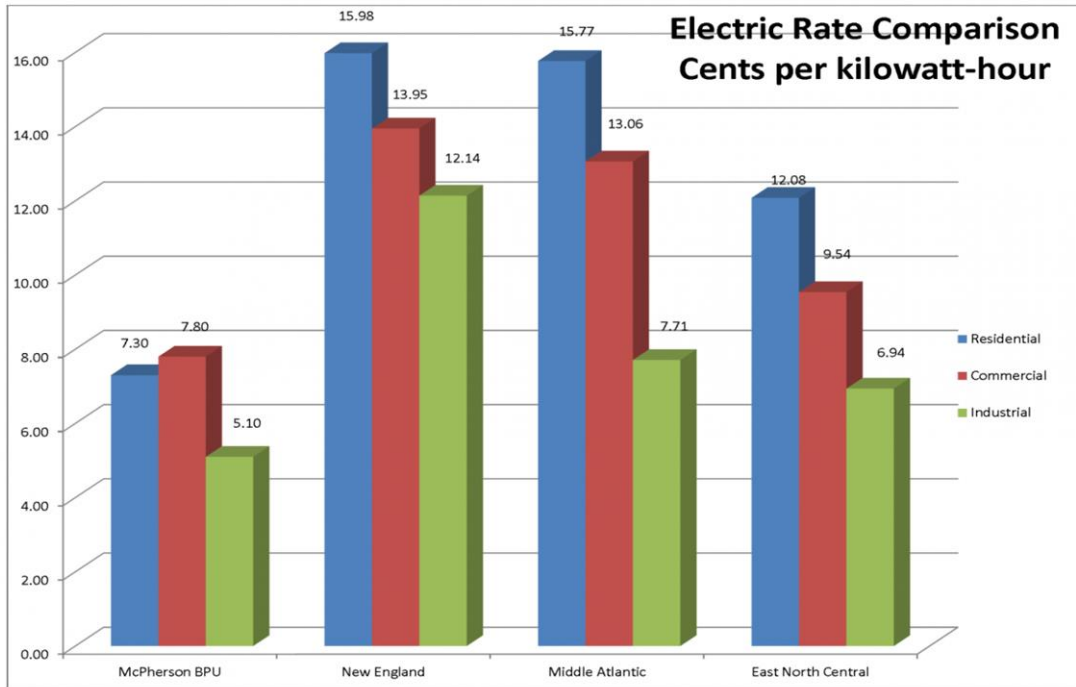
- One of a few quantitative workforce measurements
- McPherson County has more than 1,040 Kansas WorkReady certificates on file, more than any of our neighboring Counties.
- McPherson School System was the first school district in the Nation to opt out of No Child Left Behind for a revised curriculum with focus on readiness for career goals
- The McPherson Schools require all students to earn a Silver Level or above on the ACT WorkReady certificate as a requirement for graduation.
- The 1,040 WorkReady Certificates does Not include McPherson School's graduates.

### **Post-Secondary and Vocational Education and Training**

- McPherson has two four-year Colleges
- Hutchinson Community College has a close relationship with McPherson area industries and has the ability to create customized training
- There are seven Colleges and three vocational training schools within a 45-mile radius
- Wichita State University is 58 miles from McPherson



## Appendix A





## Appendix B

