

# *Greater Wichita Partnership* **PRINTED WEBSITE REPORT**

## **MOVING BUSINESS FORWARD**



Greater Wichita Region Transportation and Logistics

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Rising from the flatlands in the geographic center of America is a region whose heritage as a nexus of global commerce transcends its Midwestern roots. Located at the confluence of some of the country's major interstate and railroad systems, the Greater Wichita region is perfectly positioned to serve as a critical operation hub — connecting businesses to suppliers and customers in all corners of the country.

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The Greater Wichita region is positioned to propel business growth forward. At the geographic center of the country, our businesses are able to deliver finished goods to all U.S. markets faster than anywhere else.

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### **Convenient Connections to Everywhere**

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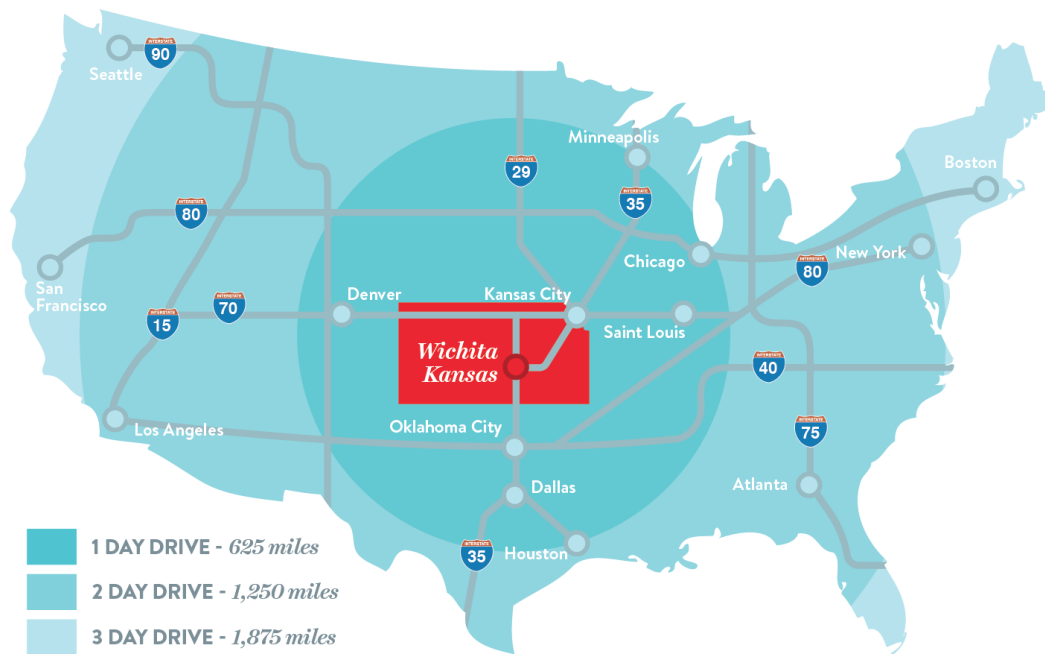
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For companies manufacturing products in the region and shipping them to global customers or importing commodities to the local market, the benefits of locating in the Greater Wichita region begin with business-supportive, high-quality transportation infrastructure.



The region's manufacturing economy has helped drive the need for efficient movement of raw materials and finished goods, resulting in a state highway system ranked among the top ten in the nation for quality by the Reason Foundation. Transportation opportunities go beyond land-based options with the Greater Wichita region's close proximity to the deep-water port at Tulsa, Oklahoma's Port of Catoosa.

- I-35 and I-70 connect the Greater Wichita region to both coasts and Canada and Mexico.
- Two major rail carriers, **BNSF** and **Union Pacific**, transport goods from anywhere in the nation. Short-line service is provided by WATCO, the nation's largest privately held short-line railroad company.
- Air freight is accommodated at the new **Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport** with advanced facilities for cargo handling and service provided by a full complement of major carriers.
- Across the region, 33 area airports provide commercial freight and passenger service to the nation.
- Close proximity to the **Tulsa Port** of Catoosa, Okla., one of the largest, most inland river ports in the U.S., connecting to the Gulf of Mexico.
- 90% of U.S. markets including Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles, are within a three-day drive away.



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### Low Costs of Business and Manufacturing Operations

Building for future expansion just makes sense in the Greater Wichita region, where optimal real estate options make future business growth easier to realize. The flat topography allows for affordable, contiguous expansion of existing buildings and campuses, and the Wichita-specific speculative building abatement program offers ready-to-go industrial buildings with over 100,000 square feet, making them perfect for warehousing space.

- Low commercial utility and lease rates are just two ways that the Greater Wichita region supports businesses of all types and sizes.
- The [Sedgwick County Foreign Trade Zone](#) exempts companies from paying duty or federal excise tax while goods remain in the zone or are exported.
- The Greater Wichita region is training the next generation of talented professionals with masters-degree programs in global supply chain management at two universities and certification curricula at community colleges and technical schools in the region.



- From shovel-ready sites to ready-to-go buildings, the Greater Wichita region has an inventory of affordable properties that will undoubtedly fit your client's needs. Search [Available Properties](#) throughout the Greater Wichita region
- Discover the range of [Incentives and Financing](#) for businesses expanding and growing in the Greater Wichita region.

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Get in touch with our team to learn how the Greater Wichita region can accelerate your business operations toward the future.

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