## **Greater Wichita Regional Differentiators - Overview**

The Greater Wichita region is where the leading edge of aerospace, engineering, and materials development converge, making the complex, possible.



Entrepreneurs, community leaders, and volunteers contribute to the Greater Wichita region's creative culture through maker spaces, an impressive craft brewing scene, and community pride.

Ranked as the most manufacturing-specialized region in the United States and home to the number-one skilled **workforce**, the greater Wichita region provides direct access to the most-trained and most-advanced workers in the world while also tapping into an ascending pipeline of talent.

As the Air Capital of the World, we have one of the highest concentrations of engineers in the U.S., a vast diversified network of nearly 900 world-class manufacturing firms in the 10-county region, and an unrivaled commitment to workforce training and research. Learn more about our world-class **workforce** and robust talent pipeline.

Home to the world's great <u>aviation brands</u> – Textron Aviation with Beechcraft and Cessna, Spirit AeroSystems, Bombardier and Airbus – working with more than 450 world-class suppliers.

In the last decade, over \$1 billion of investment has been a catalyst for growth and future development in our downtown core.

The Greater Wichita region is full of possibilities and positioned for your **<u>business to grow</u>** and thrive.

An **<u>affordable community</u>** with a variety of housing options from downtown lofts to rural living in the region, alongside a great work-life balance makes for a great **<u>quality of life</u>**.

A spirit of **<u>entrepreneurism</u>** continues to fuel hundreds of start-ups in a city dedicated to big ideas.

Wichita's low **cost of living** (nearly 10% below the national average) and some of the shortest commute times in the country mean more money and time to create the life you want.

Your dream <u>house</u> can become a reality in Wichita - From trendy downtown lofts, to lakeside living, to historic homes in charming neighborhoods – the region offers infinite possibilities all within one region.

Wichita has a **<u>dynamic art scene</u>** bursting with emerging up and comers and experienced art veterans.

Our region is a hub for national security. Home to McConnell Air Force Base, one of the main operational bases for the KC-46A Pegasus and hosts the 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing, the KC-135 Stratotanker and the 184<sup>th</sup> Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard.