

STRATEGIC LOCATION



Centrally located in the Midwest

Leading Employers:

- Defense & Aerospace
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Health Care
- Logistics
- Technology
- Higher Education
- Entertainment

St. Charles is one of the largest cities in the St. Louis region

AIR

- 10 minutes from St. Louis Lambert International Airport
- 4 hours or less flight distance from nearly everywhere in the US

INTERSTATE

- 1-day truck drive of 30% of US population
- On or near major highways including I-70; I-64/40; I-44; I-55; I-270; Hwy 370; Hwy 370

RAIL

- Served by Norfolk Southern (NS)
- St. Louis is ranked third largest rail transportation center in the US

WATERWAY

- Boardered by the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers
- 20 minutes from America's Central Port which offers barge, rail and truck commodity transfers



COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE

TAX: Missouri ranks 3rd lowest in corporate income taxes (IA-49th, IL-36th, KY-29th, TN-18th, AR-42nd) *Tax Foundation, 2016*

COST OF LIVING: The cost of living for the St. Louis region is 90.4, below both the state (91.0) and national averages (100.0) *MERIC & C2ER, Q12016*

INCENTIVES: A variety of valuable state and local incentive programs exist to benefit new and expanding companies in St. Charles County.

EXEMPTIONS: Manufacturers benefit from sales/use tax exemptions on machinery and equipment used to establish a new or expand existing facility, property tax exemptions for inventories and state sales tax and local use tax exemption on energy purchases.

ENERGY: Industrial rates of Ameren are 18% lower than the national averages.