

# CHICAGO SOUTHLAND

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Chicago SMA: A top-tier global market with 9.5 million residents and an \$800B economy.

U.S. Investment Opportunity Brief

**Electrification • Advanced Logistics • Distributed Energy**

## Why Chicago Southland?

The Chicago Southland, a subregion of the State of Illinois, is one of the Midwest's most strategic locations for foreign direct investment in the supply chain for battery manufacturing, electrified transportation, AI-enabled logistics, and distributed energy systems. The region combines availability of industrial sites and buildings, access to research Universities and National Labs, freight infrastructure, regional workforce programs and strong state policy support.



## Nearby Anchor Assets



- Major battery manufacturing investment creating 3,000+ projected jobs
- EV manufacturing (7000 jobs)
- Advanced battery science leadership at Argonne National Laboratory, UIUC, Illinois Tech and others
- Quantum Computing Park and Material Research Laboratory University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Significant State of Illinois Incentives
- Power electronics and materials research at UIUC and Illinois Tech

## Regional Workforce Collaborations



- Corporate, High School and Community Collaborations for Technical training
- Regional University Supply Chain and Computer Science Programs

## Tech Logistics & Intermodal Strength



- Direct access to Class I rail intermodal networks
- Expansion of global intermodal crane manufacturing company
- Emerging drone delivery operations in-region
- One-day truck access to major U.S. markets
- Available industrial sites and class one industrial buildings
- General Aviation Airports and proposed international cargo airport

## Distributed Energy & Grid Innovation



- Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Community solar deployment.
- Microgrid development and Virtual Power Plant integration
- World class Electrical and Natural Gas Utilities

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