



INTERSTATES:

Columbus' central location and extensive highway system enables companies to provide just-in-time delivery.



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G E O R G I A

as a place to start, relocate or expand your business.



THE COLUMBUS REGION HAS:

- a prime location in the No. 1 State for Business (2013-2016, Site Selection Magazine)
- an extensive transportation network that includes Interstate 185, CSX and Norfolk Southern rail roads, and just 90 minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport
- an educated, agile workforce supported by multiple universities and technical colleges, as well as a supply of motivated soldiers whose military careers are drawing to a close



The Greater Columbus region's attributes have attracted the corporate headquarters of such notable companies as Aflac, Synovus, TSYS and the W.C. Bradley Company. Multi-national companies such as Kia, Kodak, NCR and Pratt & Whitney also have significant footprints in the region and continue to expand their operations. The region is home to Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence, which has approximately 40,000 military personnel, contractors and civilians working and training at the installation every day.

Greater Columbus is well-suited to industries such as aerospace, automotive, financial services, information security, call centers, and shared services, among others. Once here, industry leaders and employees find an exceptional quality of life in the region.

Workforce & Training

In addition to veterans leaving service at Fort Benning, the Columbus Region is able to leverage a bi-state workforce (West Georgia/East Alabama), many of whom hold certificates and/or degrees from Columbus State University, Troy University, Auburn University, Columbus Technical College, and dozens of other top colleges and universities. These workers are highly skilled, wage competitive and have a strong work ethic.

Businesses with specific training requirements may utilize the renowned Georgia Quick Start program – considered one of the top workforce training programs in the U.S. – which offers free, customized training to new and expanding qualified companies.

Greater Columbus Major Employers

FORT BENNING (Military)	40,000
TSYS (Financial Services)	4,700
MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (Education)	4,300
AFLAC (Insurance)	3,800
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (Government)	3,000
KIA MOTORS MANUFACTURING GEORGIA INC. (Automotive Manufacturing)	3,000
COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTH (Healthcare)	2,800
ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL INC. (Healthcare)	2,800
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF GEORGIA (Insurance)	1,650
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP. (Financial Services)	1,325
PRATT & WHITNEY (Aerospace Manufacturing)	1,300
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY (Education)	1,200

Target Industries



AEROSPACE:

Columbus is at the center of the Southeastern U.S. aerospace cluster.



AUTOMOTIVE:

Kia and its suppliers chose Greater Columbus for its engineering and production operations.



CALL CENTERS:

Columbus Technical College's Service Industry Academy offers a Certified Customer Services Specialist program.



DEFENSE:

Columbus defense contractors can use Fort Benning's presence to compete for government contracts.



FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA:

Columbus State University offers one of the first programs in the state to train film/TV students to be job-ready.



FINANCIAL SERVICES:

Financial services employ approximately 11,000 people in Columbus.



INFORMATION SECURITY:

Columbus State University's TSYS Center for Cyber Security graduates a steady supply of workers in the field.



SHARED SERVICES:

Shared Service operations can flourish in Columbus thanks to a well-trained workforce.