

East Tennessee

Corporate Office

The 15-county Knoxville region of East Tennessee has a strong corporate office sector with a rich and diverse talent pool, proximity to several universities and colleges including the main campus of the University of Tennessee, advanced communications infrastructure and ready access to world-class technical expertise and technology transfer opportunities.

Talent

- University of Tennessee's highly ranked College of Business
- Underemployed technical and professional workforce
- Average wage 17% below the national average (*BLS, 2nd Quarter, 2008*)
- Customized workforce training
- 75,000 college and university students

Technology

- Advanced communications infrastructure
- Ready access to world-class technical expertise and technology transfer

Accessibility

- One day's drive from 70% of the U.S. population
- Major regional airport with more than 120 flights daily to 19 major U.S. destinations
- Located at the juncture of three major interstates: I-40, I-75 and I-81

Competitive Business Climate

- Regional taxes rank among the nation's lowest
- Competitive corporate taxes
- Competitive lease rates
- Right-to-work state

Quality of Life

- Cost of living 10% below national average (*ACCRA 2008 Annual Average Data*)
- Tennessee is ranked in the 10 best among states in overall personal tax burden (*Retirement Living Information Center, Jan 2009*)
- Housing costs 23% below national average (*ACCRA 2008 Annual Average Data*)
- Symphony, opera, and ballet companies and a fine arts museum

