

# East Tennessee

## Distribution

With an excellent transportation infrastructure, a growing and trainable workforce, a pro-business climate and favorable operating costs the Knoxville region of East Tennessee provides an exceptional location for distribution and warehousing.

### Workforce

- Flexible, growing regional workforce of over 550,000 (TN Dept of Labor, June 2008)
- University of Tennessee's supply chain management and logistics program ranked 5th in the nation (*2009 US News & World Report*)
- Right-to-work state

### Accessibility

- Within a day's drive of 70% of the US population
- Located at the juncture three major interstates: I-40, I-75, and I-81
- Rail service by Norfolk Southern, CSX, and local short-line railroads
- Barge service on the Tennessee- Tombigbee Waterway System
- Regional airport offering more than 120 flights daily to 19 major U.S. destinations
- US Customs Port of Entry and Foreign Trade Zone designation

### Competitive Business Climate

- State taxes ranking among the nation's lowest (*The Tax Foundation, 2009*)
- Pro-business environment

### Quality of Life

- Cost of living 10% below national average (*ACCRA 2008 Annual Average Data*)
- Housing costs 23% below national average (*ACCRA 2008 Annual Average Data*)
- The Great Smoky Mountains, the nation's most visited national park

