Why Missouri?

### Automotive Industry

The historical importance of the automotive industry sector to Missouri’s economy is significant, reflecting the long tradition of productive workers and successful manufacturers operating in the state. Both Ford and General Motors have recently announced major expansions in Missouri, new companies like Smith Electric Vehicles and Emerald Automotive have relocated their operations to Missouri as well.

### Manufacturing

Missouri has deep roots in the manufacturing sector and a pro-business environment that make it a bright spot in the future of manufacturing.

**Industry Sectors:**
- Architectural and Structural Metals
- Electrical Equipment
- Engines, Turbines, and Power Transmission Equipment
- Metalworking Machinery Manufacturing
- Rubber Products
- Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing

**Location**

Missouri is located within 600 miles of 52% of U.S. manufacturing establishments and 600 miles of 51% of all U.S. households. On average, there are 250 daily departures from St. Louis to 70 non-stop destinations. Travelers can reach most cities in the United States and Canada in less than three hours by air. Which means you and your business are only a short flight away from nearly everywhere in North America.

**Manufacturing Companies Located in Missouri:**
- Boeing Defense, Space & Security Unit
- Dow / Kokam
- EaglePicher Technologies
- Emerson Electric Co.
- EnerSys
- Ford
- General Motors
- GKN Aerospace North America
- Harley-Davidson
- Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc.
- Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies LLC
- Kawasaki
- Leggett & Platt, Inc.
- LMI Aerospace
- Maxion Wheels
- MEMC Electronic Materials
- Paul Mueller
- Peterson Manufacturing Company
- Smith Electric Vehicles
- Spartan Light Metal Products
- SRG Global
- Westar Aerospace & Defense
- Zoltek

**Face to Face Works**

- 77% Prefer in-person conferences due to the ability to read body language and facial expressions.
- 85% Build stronger, more meaningful business relationships during in-person business meetings and conferences.
- 84% Prefer face-to-face meetings.
- 75% Prefer in-person conferences because they lead to more social interactions and the ability to bond with coworkers / clients.
- 95% Say face-to-face meetings are essential for long-term business relationships.

Over 10% of Missouri’s workforce is currently employed in manufacturing with advanced manufacturing workforce of more than 252,000.