Why Portage For Business

Located in the center of Southern Lake Michigan's Industrial corridor, Portage, Indiana provides many competitive advantages. We are located between America's second largest market in Chicago and other leading industrial and consumer markets in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, making our community a natural production and distribution center for the Midwest.

Portage is situated along the I-80 and I-94 corridors, 5 miles east of I-65, and just 45 minutes from downtown Chicago. The Port of Indiana in Portage handles more than 500,000 trucks, 10,000 rail cars, 250 barges, and 100 ships per year. This 600 acre port is connected by water to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico and transports cargo to 15 countries and 47 states. If you move cargo by water, rail, or highway, Portage is the perfect place to start of expand your business.





Quality Of Life

Located on the southern shores of Lake Michigan, the City of Portage enjoys stunning views of the Chicago skyline across the lake. Residents and guests can visit the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk adjacent to the Indiana Dunes National Park, The National Park has 15 miles of coastline, over 70 miles of hiking trails and rolling sand dunes, all easily accessible from the Portage Public marina. The Marina has over 200 permanent boat slips and many transient slips. Portage has a vast walking trail system that connects neighborhoods and 14 city parks. including the 226 acre Imagination Glen Park and Founder's Square Park, where many festivals and events are held throughout the

From parks, trails, to outstanding schools, Portage is a great place to work and play.



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Partnership Opportunities

Being a Portage EDC Partner means you want to be part of a thriving community. We assist new businesses wanting to develop or relocate in Portage, help local businesses to succeed and potentially expand, support employers with recruitment and training, and educate job seekers about local employment opportunities. None of this can happen without business-to-business marketing and networking.

As a Portage EDC Partner, your business will be represented on the Portage EDC website as well as on social media and other marketing outlets. You will be inited to exclusive networking opportunities, get behind-the-scenes access to some of the most successful businesses in our area, and much more. Our Partner Packages are varied and flexible so you can join today no matter what you budget is.

Learn more at: portage.org/partnership



We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that works closely with the City of Portage to help you:



Grow Your Business

Navigate the City planning process





Obtain quality workforce and training

Take your business to the next level



We'll set you up for SUCCESS

Call us today to find out how we can assist you.



Workforce Development

The key to attracting and retaining businesses for the Portage community is in the quality of our workforce. With Portage's high achieving school system and proximity to numerous renown post-secondary education institutions, it's no wonder that Portage has a strong workforce. Portage EDC attracts businesses to the area by highlighting our highly-skilled professionals who are just seeking the right job opportunity.

We also help build a sold foundation for the community's future by education our youth about local educational and employment opportunities. Many people are excited to learn that their career can start here and now.

Ask us about our Manufacturing 360 and Healthcare 360 events!

Learn more at: portage.org/work