



Businesses Thrive in Southern and Eastern Ohio

The APEG region of Southern and Eastern Ohio is home to a strong manufacturing heritage with a capable labor surplus.

Centrally located with excellent access to U.S. east coast, Midwest, and southern markets as well as Canadian markets, businesses thrive in the region.

- **Proven location:** APEG is home to 33 Fortune 500 manufacturing, distribution and back office locations.
- **Skilled and available workforce:** One in 8 adults works in manufacturing.
- **Efficient freight options:** Uncongested 4-lane highways, two interstates, Ohio River access, and two Class A railways support efficient transportation throughout the region.
- **Market and supply chain access:** 60 percent of the US population lives within 600 miles of Ohio.
- **Water and Power:** APEG has a robust electric grid to support industry; abundant water resources are available for manufacturing.
- **Low cost of business:**
 - Ohio's low-tax environment supports business growth.
 - APEG's inexpensive cost of living translates into affordable wages.
 - The cheapest natural gas in the nation due to the presence of shale gas help businesses maximize investments.

The APEG team stands ready to assist companies looking to locate in Southern and Eastern Ohio and continues to facilitate the growth of businesses that call the region home.

