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AMERICA'S BEST CITIES FOR GLOBAL TRADE

Our third annual “Best Cities for Global Trade” report offers 10 needs-oriented and relevant categories and looks at 10 cities in each that you should consider. It is not meant to be definitive. You’ll notice New York City is nowhere to be found, yet who on this side of sanity would argue the Big Apple is not one of the top cities in the world for business? Its omission is not meant as a snub, we simply didn’t feel it was so strong in any single category that it should be included at the expense of a lesser-recognized city working hard to boost its economy.

Think of this as a collection of helpful tips. We think you should consider these cities when looking, for instance, for a great business environment, a well-educated or skilled workforce, a globally minded city or assistance with your site-selection process.

Huntley, Illinois

Population: 24,291

Unemployment: 6.90%

Sales Tax: 7.0%

Located along the high truck-traffic corridors of Route 47 and I-90, Huntley is home to many industrial businesses attracted by the village’s close access to Chicago and business-friendly attitude. Part of that attitude is a fast-track permitting process that makes for quick and cost-efficient development approvals. How quick? Many times Huntley can turn around the process in 90 days and has numerous examples of permitting being approved in a month or less.

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Amarillo, Texas

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Decatur/Macon, Illinois

Devens, Massachusetts

Elk Grove, Illinois

Hesperia, California

La Junta, Colorado

San Bernardino, California

Village of Huntley, Illinois

Virginia Beach, Virginia



Groundbreaking of Weber-Stephen's new 757,000SF Global Distribution Center in May, 2014.