International Focus

Virginia Beach MSA - A Closer Look

Great companies make their own success, but Virginia Beach offers powerful resources that offer even greater advantages in the U.S. and global markets:

- Largest city in Virginia and total metro population of 1.7 million
- Within 1,200 kilometers of more than two-thirds of the U.S. manufacturing base
- Home to nearly 200 foreign-based companies representing more than 27 countries and 10 consulate offices
- Welcoming beach community with excellent quality of life
- Safest city of its size in America
- Moderate climate
- A regional workforce of more than 850,000 trained and skilled employees
- International-level education systems
- Direct access to experienced attorneys, local bankers and financial experts
- Direct access to other international companies
- Stable state and local governments that are receptive to your business needs
- The Port of Virginia stands as the third largest container port on the East Coast.
- Two commercial airports offering direct connections to 17 hubs

ample resources that translate into success

Central Location
Virginia Beach is on the East Coast, with two-thirds of the United States population located within 1,200 kilometers. Our deepwater port is one of America’s most advanced, and with numerous highway and rail routes available, it is easy to move products quickly and efficiently. Our world-class telecommunications system makes global communicating easy and reliable.

Where Business Success Goes Global
It is why so many smart international companies decide to relocate and grow here – from consumer product giants like STIHL and KETTLER, to industrial powerhouses such as Busch, Hermes, and IMS:GEAR. They understand we are on their side, providing a low-tax, business-friendly environment that encourages business expansion, not only in the United States, but also worldwide.

Lower Taxes, Higher Profits
International companies will find a relatively uncomplicated and equitable tax structure that allows them to focus on growing their business. The Commonwealth of Virginia corporate income tax rate of 6 percent has not changed since 1972; several local tax rates have been significantly reduced in recent years, and we have completely eliminated taxes on machinery and tool equipment.

The Port of Virginia
- 50-foot (14 meters) deep channels
- Service offered by every major shipping line
- Direct service to 45+ countries worldwide
- Fully prepared to accommodate the 10,000+ TEU vessels

There is no better time or place to grow your business in the USA.
the language of business spoken here

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

“Because of the manufacturing-friendly environment in Virginia Beach, we are able to compete domestically and globally, ultimately allowing us to continue to expand our operations here.”

~ Christian Koestler
STIHL Inc.

IMS: Gear

“We grew 100% over the past two years in Virginia Beach, and we are about to double again.”

~ Guenter Weissenseel
IMS: Gear Virginia

“Since 1975 Busch has continuously grown in Virginia Beach thanks to the dedicated, skilled people and supportive business climate.”

~ David Gulick
Busch Manufacturing

KEY INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

Germany: 6-14, 16, 25-27, 36
Sweden: 17-18, 33
Denmark: 4
Turkey: 3
Netherlands: 2
Canada: 21-23, 32
Switzerland: 5, 34, 35
United Kingdom: 24
Hong Kong, China: 1
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01 - Equity Industries Corporation - Distribution *
02 - Randstad - Service
03 - UNSA America, Inc. - Distribution *
04 - Thrane & Thrane, Inc. - Manufacturing *
05 - KRISS - Manufacturing *
06 - Kettler International - Distribution *
07 - BMZ USA - Distribution *
08 - IMS: Gear Virginia, Inc. - Manufacturing
09 - STIHL Inc. - Manufacturing *
10 - Hermes Abrasives, Ltd. - Manufacturing *
11 - Busch Manufacturing Company - Manufacturing *
12 - CeoTronics, Inc. - Manufacturing *
13 - Hapag-Lloyd (America) Inc. - Service
14 - Schenker International, Inc. - Service
15 - MASA Group - Services
16 - Al N Plastics of Virginia, Inc. - Distribution
17 - SKANSKA USA - Service
18 - XDIN, Inc. (Enter Corporation) - Service *
19 - ARAI Americas, Inc. (A.R.S. Manufacturing) - Manufacturing *
20 - NGK-Loke Polymer Insulators, Inc. - Manufacturing
21 - Gentek Building Products, Inc. - Distribution
22 - LaserQuest Virginia Beach - Service *
23 - Rutherford Controls International - Manufacturing *
24 - SERCO, Inc. - Service
25 - Koster American - Manufacturing *
26 - PRUFREX USA - Manufacturing *
27 - Atlas North America - Professional Services *
28 - Haulotte North America - Manufacturing *
29 - Hi-Logic, Ltd. - Wholesale *
30 - DaiEi Papers - Wholesale *
31 - Victory Tropical Oil - Services *
32 - Canada Metal Pacific - Manufacturing *
33 - Humphree USA - Business Services *
34 - UBS Financial Services - Services
35 - Lee Hacht Harrison - Services
36 - ESRG - Technology Services

* U.S. headquarters in Virginia Beach