



Advanced Manufacturing

Central

Virginia

CENTRAL VIRGINIA offers a vibrant business environment with a highly qualified workforce in an ideal location with room for growth and expansion. Central Virginia is the heart of Virginia, a business friendly, right-to-work state, and home to more than 600 manufacturing companies employing over 8,500 people. Opportunities abound to manufacture and deliver goods and services by leveraging connectivity to four interstates, rail freight service, and the Port of Virginia.

Demonstrated Record of Success

- One-third of all the automobiles in the nation use the anti-lock brake valve box that is made by **Continental** in Central Virginia.
- **Euro-Composites** is the general supplier of KEVLAR honeycomb for the Joint Strike Fighter (F-35) of Lockheed and is one of two companies worldwide with the capability to produce glass fibre honeycomb with aviation authorization.
- Sperry Marine began operations in Central Virginia in 1956. Now a division of **Northrop Grumman**, Sperry Marine manufactures navigation devices and provides safe, efficient, and reliable navigation solutions for the commercial and defense maritime industries.
- **Klöckner Pentaplast** produces vinyl and plastic films including hard packs for batteries and blister packs for medical and other products in Central Virginia.
- To drive production improvement and provide easier access to information, **GE Intelligent Platforms** in Central Virginia continues to launch new software solution products for use in controlling machinery for manufacturing environments.
- Founded in 1942, **Aerojet Rocketdyne** is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader providing propulsion and energetics to its space, missile defense, strategic, tactical missile and armaments customers throughout the world.
- Since opening its doors in 2001, **Mikro** has partnered with national and international firms, governments, and academic institutions to develop high performance products and advanced manufacturing processes.
- **Zamma** operates in a 155,000 sq. ft. facility with more than 25 production lines in Central Virginia with an additional facility in Belgium. The Central Virginia facility is the only four-stage paper treating/converting/coating factory in the United States.



RIDGID, manufacturer of professional quality tools for plumbing, mechanical pipe fitting, construction, HVAC, and facility maintenance.

Advantages for Manufacturing in Central Virginia

- The Central Virginia region is about 100 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. and provides access to more than half of the U.S. population and most major markets within 750 miles—most within a one-day delivery by truck.
- Composite cost of living is 36% lower in Central Virginia than Northern Virginia/D.C. region.
- Convenient access to the Port of Virginia, the deepest shipping channel on the East Coast.
- Excellent rail connectivity through Norfolk Southern and CSX with rail served sites located throughout the region.
- As one of Virginia's five strategically-placed Foreign Trade Zones, Central Virginia's FTZ #185 allows companies involved in international commerce to improve the cost competitiveness of their U.S.-based operations.
- Manufacturing firms benefit from generous local incentives for qualifying firms, including cash grants, loan guarantees, tax rebates, and training funds, and a favorable business structure, demonstrated by a low manufacturing tax structure.
- Virginia is a right-to-work state with the third lowest average workers' compensation costs in the country.



Central Virginia's Gateway to the World.

