Central Virginia offers a vibrant business environment with a highly qualified workforce in an ideal location with room for growth and expansion. As a nationally recognized emerging high technology hub located in proximity to Washington, D.C., Central Virginia provides dynamic opportunities for companies seeking advanced technology, research, and innovation.

### Demonstrated Record of Success

- **Equinix Culpeper Data Center** is one of the most secure and technologically sophisticated data centers on the eastern seaboard.
- The **Insurance Institute for Highway Safety** is a sophisticated vehicle safety research center conducting crash tests and scientific studies of insurance data to publish human and economic loss results by vehicle make and model.
- Named one of Inc. 5000’s fastest growing private companies in America for six years and one of Fortune’s Great Places to Work, **WillowTree** has launched over 500 mobile apps since it was founded in the region in 2007.
- **SHINE Systems** has grown 70% in the last three years. Their identity intelligence expertise supported counter insurgency efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Sperry Marine began operations in Central Virginia in 1956. Now a division of **Northrop Grumman**, Sperry Marine provides safe, efficient, and reliable navigation solutions for the commercial and defense maritime industry.
- **Apex Clean Energy** has created $4 billion in clean energy opportunities with 2,226 MW of operating clean energy and plans to build a new headquarters in Central Virginia.
- **Vivid Cortex** database performance monitoring provides insights into query behavior and resource utilization to improve app efficiency and up-time.
- **CoConstruct** is a construction project management solutions provider with award winning customer service.
- **Perrone Robotics** created TONY, the technological intelligence behind autonomous transit.
- To drive production improvement and provide easier access to information, **Intelligent Platforms** in Central Virginia continues to launch new software solution products for use in controlling machinery.

### Advantages for Information Technology Companies in Central Virginia

- High regional patent activity is evidence of strong innovation in the region
- Generous incentives for technology companies; Virginia’s first city-wide technology zone was established in Central Virginia.
- Robust, redundant fiber optics network; multiple telecommunications networks and electrical power providers including CenturyLink, Dominion Energy, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and Central Virginia Electric Cooperative.
- The University of Virginia, ranked #4 public university by U.S. News & World Report, has sponsored research awards totaling more than $412 million annually.
- **UVA Licensing & Ventures Group** provides support for entrepreneurs and partners with start-ups and businesses to commercialize breakthroughs in technology.
- Two research parks support the University’s academic and research activities and foster relationships with commercial and industrial interests. The UVA Research Park, a 562-acre, fully master planned, mixed-use development, is located less than one mile from the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, and the Fontaine Research Park, a 54-acre, master planned development, is adjacent to the University’s central grounds.
Notable Firms

• CACI Enterprise Solutions
  systems integration
• Castle Hill Gaming
  video games technologies
• CCRi
  software solutions
• CoConstruct
  construction project management solutions
• Elder Research
  data science consulting
• Equinix Culpeper Data Centers
  hosting, infrastructure, security
• Frontline Test Equipment
  communications software solutions
• Inova Solutions
  visual communications
• Intelligent Platforms,
  telecommunication solutions
• Musictoday
  entertainment ecommerce
• National Optronics
  lens processing equipment
• SHINE Systems
  intelligence analytics
• Silverchair Information Systems
  digital publishing products
• Ting
  fiber ISP provider
• Virginia Electronic Components, Corporate Office
  electronics distributor
• VividCortex
  database management
• WillowTree
  mobile apps development
• Firefly
  fiber provider

Talented and Prepared Workforce

• University of Virginia offers 54 doctoral degrees in 52 fields to over 16,600 undergraduate and 7,200 graduate students.
• UVA School of Engineering and Applied Science focuses on developing 2,500 undergraduate and 600 graduate “leaders of innovation” each year.
• Extensive technology-related education and training is available from the Germanna Community College’s state-of-the-art Daniel Technology Center and Piedmont Virginia Community College; both community colleges offer outstanding customized industry training.
• Over 38% of the regional workforce has at least a Bachelor’s Degree.

Central Virginia Information Technology Quick Facts

Number of Firms | 204
Number of Workers | 2,947
Average Annual Wages | $83,147

Make Central Virginia the location for your **Bold Venture!**

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