# Industry Clusters and Sites for Economic Growth

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## Why do sites for traded industry clusters matter to our region and the Metropolitan Council?

### Traded cluster wages and local wages



### **Traded industry clusters**

- Higher wages
- Greater economic multiplier

# Competitiveness of traded clusters impacted by land use & transportation factors

- Cost/efficiency of operations
- Ability to attract/retain workers

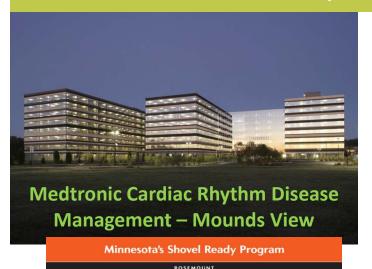
### What factors matter in a business site location decision?

- Available sites and buildings
- Location, transportation
- Ability to attract/retain workforce
- Customers and suppliers
- Utilities energy, telcom, sewer & water
- Image, security and adjacent uses
- Cost and regulatory factors





### Greenfield or Brownfield - planning, zoning, infrastructure & investment required



A Certified Development Site — Ready for your next project!



- 52 Available Acres
- Partnered with national real estate developer Ryan Companies USA, Inc.
- Build to suit opportunities for light industrial, office showroom, warehousing and assembly







#### **Anoka Enterprise Park**





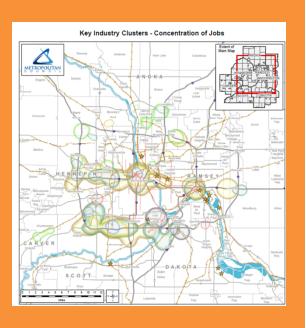
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### **Preparing for Local Comp Plan Updates (2016-2018)**

Economic
Competitiveness:
Research,
Information and
Technical
Assistance Project



- 1. Key Industry Clusters
- 2. Real estate requirements of key industry clusters
- 3. Sites for economic growth
- 4. Freight and logistics
- 5. Occupations
- 6. Access to jobs

### **Real Estate Requirements of Key Industry Clusters**

- Survey and interviews
  - Engaging site selection professionals, NAIOP,
     SIOR and GREATER MSP
- Four topic areas
  - Transportation
  - Real Estate
  - Community/local services
  - Workforce
- Overall, workforce appears most significant to date
  - Ability to attract and retain young workforce, management and business professionals rated highly
  - Proximity of housing affordable/attractive to workforce rated important for all clusters

### Key Clusters (seven-county)

Finance and insurance

Advanced manufacturing

Headquarters and Advanced Business Services

Food manufacturing and wholesaling

Freight and logistics

Health, science and water technology

**Information Technology** 

### **Early Results – Finance and Insurance**

### **Most Important**

- Image of the area, personal & property security
- Ability to attract/retain workforce, including young & diverse managers, computer, office/clerical, business & sales professionals & supportive training institutions
- Proximity to hotels, meeting rooms and restaurants, recreation, entertainment & culture
- Availability/pricing of existing office space
- Above standard telcom
- Access to public parking

#### Also important

- Transit access and private parking
- Proximity to customers and commercial air service
- Traffic congestion
- Proximity of housing affordable/attractive to workforce
- Local **regulatory** climate/permitting efficiency, **fees and taxes**
- Above standard electrical requirements

### **Early Results – Advanced Manufacturing**

### **Most Important**

- Highway access and proximity to suppliers
- Personal & property security
- Ability to attract/retain **workforce**, including young managers, engineers, computer, business & sales professionals, mechanics, repair, production and operation professionals; access to supportive training institution; labor costs
- Proximity to recreation, entertainment & culture
- Availability/pricing of production/warehouse space
- Above standard electrical requirements
- On-site private surface parking
- Local regulatory climate/permitting efficiency

#### **Also important**

- Image of the area
- Availability of prepared site with infrastructure
- Availability of bulk warehouse/distribution space and specialized tech space
- Proximity to commercial air service, rail/rail service and customers
- Traffic congestion
- Proximity of housing affordable/attractive to workforce
- Fees and taxes

### Thank You!

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