

## LOGISTICAL ADVANTAGES



The Quad Cities offers unparalleled access to major Midwestern and global markets.

### ROAD

**Interstates:** 74, 80, 88, & 280

**U.S. Federal Highways:** 6, 34, 61, 67, & 150

**State Highways:** 5, 17, 78, 81, 84, 92, 94, & 192 (Illinois); 22 & 130 (Iowa)

### RIVER

- **Mississippi River:** 9-foot channel, 10-month navigation season
- The region features 50 barge terminals (46 private, four public)
- 23 barge terminals served by rail
- Three barge terminals have highway access

### RAIL

- **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway** (Class I)
- **Iowa Interstate Railroad** (Class II)
- **Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad, owned by CP Rail** (Class I)

### RUNWAY

**QUAD CITIES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** (Airport Code: MLI)

- **CARRIERS:** Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, United
- **DIRECT:** Las Vegas, Phoenix-Mesa, Chicago, Denver, St. Petersburg/Clearwater, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Atlanta, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis/St. Paul
- **RUNWAY:** 10,000 ft. (3,048m), 7,000 ft. (2,134m), and 4,500 ft. (1,371m); all 150 ft. (46m) wide

**DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT** (Airport Code: DVN)

- **RUNWAY:** 5,500 ft. (1,677m), 4,000 ft. (1,220m)

### FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

The Quad Cities region is a US Customs bi-state Port of Entry and Foreign Trade Zone #133. This Foreign Trade Zone allows a single FTZ grantee to serve two different states—a key business advantage.



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Quad Cities First is the lead economic development organization promoting the greater Quad Cities region, which includes Scott County in Iowa and Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties in Illinois. Developed by the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, it provides the following services to relocating companies and site selection consultants:

- Site selection assistance
- Incentive and business tax information
- Key contacts in business and local government
- Demographic, wage and economic data
- Navigation through local government requirements
- Access to workforce training and recruitment resources



The Quad Cities metropolitan area is located where I-80 crosses the Mississippi River in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. The region is approximately 165 miles (265 km) west of Chicago and midway between Minneapolis to the north and St. Louis to the south.



### Nearby Metropolitan Areas:

#### 300 Miles or Less

Chicago, IL  
Indianapolis, IN  
Milwaukee, WI  
Omaha, NE  
St. Louis, MO  
Madison, WI  
Des Moines, IA

#### 301 - 500 Miles

Cincinnati, OH  
Detroit, MI  
Kansas City, MO  
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN  
Louisville, KY  
Columbus, OH

## QUAD CITIES DEFENSE FAST FACTS

**THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL (RIA)** is the largest government-owned military weapons manufacturing arsenal in the U.S. providing manufacturing, logistics and base support services for the Armed Forces.

**PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS:** Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center (JMTC) has formed partnerships with **Lockheed Martin, BAE, Sivyer Steel, SupplyCore, Quad City Manufacturing Lab** and **Mandus Group** allowing the Rock Island Arsenal and these partners to pursue both military and commercial projects that utilize the unique capabilities of each organization.

### THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

**Over \$15 Billion**

CONTRACTS PROCURED ANNUALLY

**950-acre**

ISLAND ON MISSISSIPPI

**336**

BUILDABLE ACRES

**25**

MILES OF ROADS

**6.6 MM ft<sup>2</sup>**

FLOOR SPACE

**503,000 ft<sup>2</sup>**

OFFICE & WAREHOUSE SPACE

### COBHAM MISSION SYSTEMS

develops and manufactures critical technology for Air-to-Air Refueling, Weapons Release, Life Support and Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot applications and operates and maintains more than 150 aircraft on specialist flight operations around the world. Cobham provides **95% of refueling systems worldwide** for both tanker and receiver aircraft, including role conversion for tankers such as the new Royal Air Force Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA) Airbus A330.

The Quad Cities **ALCOA** facility is the world's premier aerospace supply plant – the hub of Alcoa's **\$3 billion aerospace business**.

Metal for every space vehicle in America's program, contributing to the moon landing and the U.S. victory in the Space Race was manufactured in the Quad Cities.



## MAJOR ARSENAL COMMANDS

First Army  
Army Sustainment Command  
Joint Munitions Command  
Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center  
Army Contracting Command - Rock Island  
Army Corps of Engineers



Mandus Group is proud to be one of the growing number of defense companies in the Quad Cities located in close proximity to the Rock Island Arsenal. Our partnership with the armed forces is backed by a strong Quad Cities' workforce and logistics infrastructure – advantages that help us manufacture innovative, quality products for the global war fighter, made in the heart of America."

Sam Kupresin  
Vice President, Mandus Group

## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Defense companies in the Quad Cities are major players in our national security, from producing leading edge aerospace technology systems to providing logistics services to our nation's military.

At the heart of the Quad Cities' defense industry is the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA), which supports 14,000 jobs in the community and has an annual regional economic impact of over \$1 billion. RIA is home to over 70 Department of Defense organizations and private companies.



## WORKFORCE OVERVIEW

**428,307**  
**STRONG**  
LABOR FORCE  
(AND GROWING)

Source: Iowa Workforce Development, 2010

**40** COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
WITHIN A 90-MILE (144.840 KM) RADIUS  
**33,000** local college students each year

### THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

**22%**  
GROWTH IN  
INSTALLATION  
WORKFORCE  
SINCE 2005

**98%**  
HIGH SCHOOL OR  
HIGHER ATTAINMENT

**47%**  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE  
OR HIGHER



## REPRESENTATIVE COMPANIES

