





THE COLUMBUS REGION

The Columbus Region is a dynamic 11-county metropolitan area in the midst of unprecedented economic growth. The Region is home to today's leaders and is at the forefront of the industries of tomorrow, from advanced manufacturing to smart mobility research and development.



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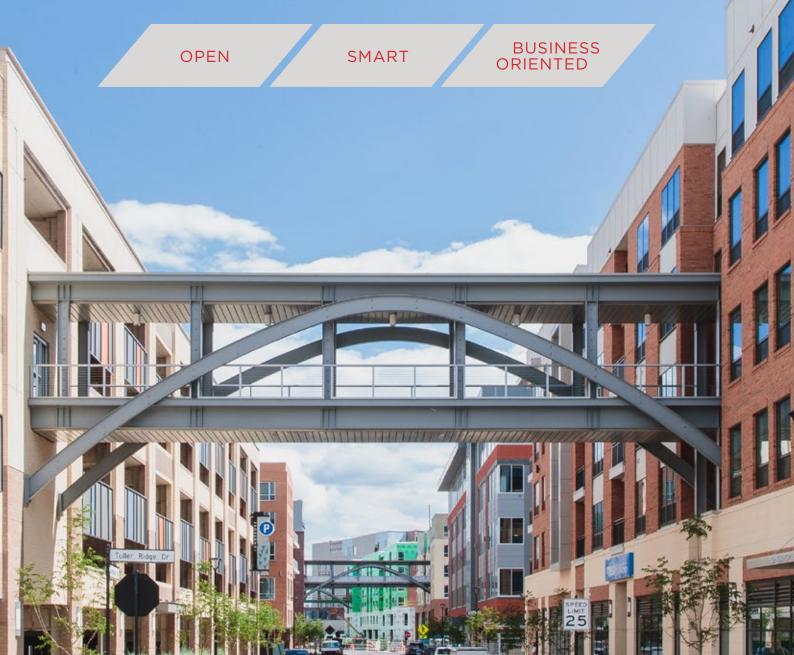
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Partners for Regional Growth & Prosperity

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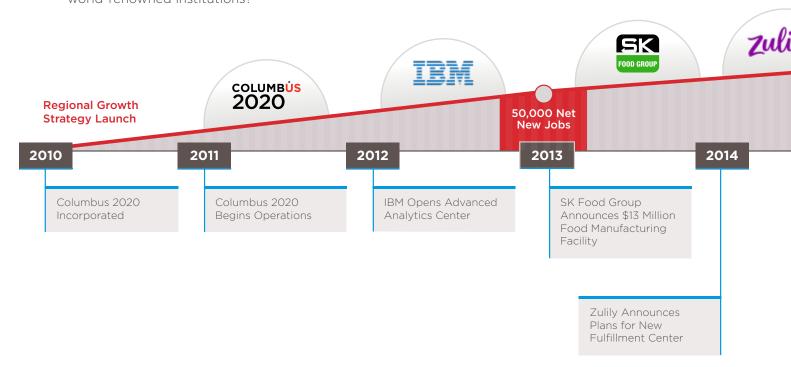
A REGIONAL REVIVAL

As summer turned to fall in 2007, Central Ohio was in the midst of a decade of stagnant job growth, diminishing per capita income figures and an undistinguished economic development profile. Columbus was considered just another metro area succumbing to the headwinds of the decline of the Midwest. In December of that year, the housing crisis and the global recession hit, washing away any gains that had been made in that decade.

Leaders around the country gathered to consider their economic future, including in Central Ohio. What would our future be and how would we claim it? How could we leverage the great companies that had been built here, the ambition of local entrepreneurs and the power of our world-renowned institutions?

A new path was created based on the dire need for economic activity and job growth, and became more important as each day passed. A new platform was needed to bring focus to these efforts to go to market as the Columbus Region, and to stake our claim as one of the most powerful metropolitan economies in the United States. Audacious, measurable goals were set to define the mission of the work, and the stakes were high.

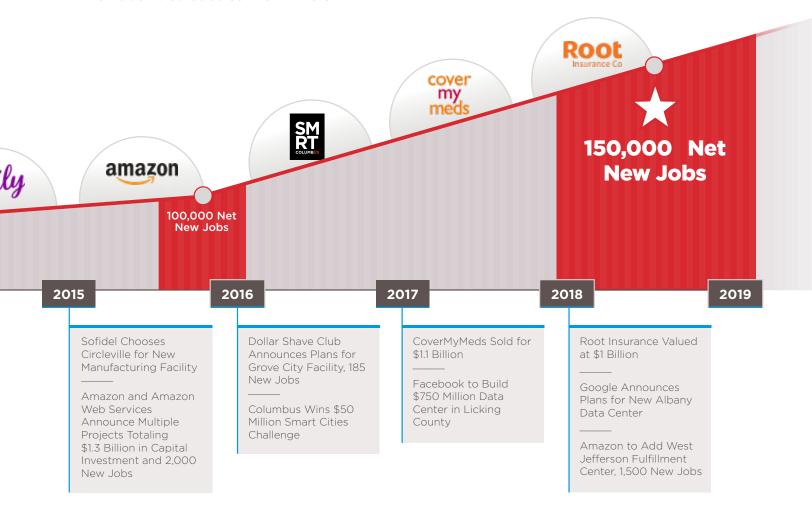
The journey of the next decade included transformational project announcements, notable entrepreneurial achievements and the greatest expansion of the Columbus Region economy in its history. A decade later, the Columbus Region has





not only achieved the job, investment and income goals it set, but has also earned distinction as a metro area with boundless ambition and economic potential.

For those reasons and more, we can and should celebrate, but we cannot pause. 2020 is a mile marker, not a destination. So, we redouble our efforts and attack the next 10 years with the same enthusiasm and ambition that fueled our work in 2010.





RESULTS

The Columbus Region has emerged as a beacon of economic competitiveness and population growth equal to any in the country. As this decade ends, the Columbus Region is surging beyond its goals, and is considered a national model of economic development success and collaboration. With each company expansion, each investment announcement from a new company and each company formed in the Region, our communities prosper and our lives are changed for the better.

In less than 10 years, the Columbus 2020 Regional Growth Strategy ...









Columbus is the #1 rising city for startups and the top emerging city for venture capital."

FORBES

Columbus isn't the next business destination; it's already happening."

\$23.8 BILLION

economic impact

"The Columbus Region is experiencing the strongest decade of economic growth in its history, surging past what we once thought was possible. The broad-based growth we are seeing across the 11 counties and in core industries has lifted many businesses, communities and individuals."

PABLO VEGAS, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Columbus 2020



WE LISTENED

The past year has included hundreds of meetings, conversations and forums to discuss the future of our region. What are we anxious about? What is our new ambition? What does the future hold for this great region? Business leaders, public officials and civic advocates were engaged to discuss these concerns and what success looks like for the 11-county Columbus Region.

LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

STAKEHOLDER & CIVIC GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Spring 2018

Summer 2018



60 business leaders



From **45** organizations



Representing

22 industry sectors



We met with

200+

business & civic leaders and board members



Representing

50+

local economic development partners

This research and the conversations it sparked have exposed common interests and priorities that have helped to identify our path forward.

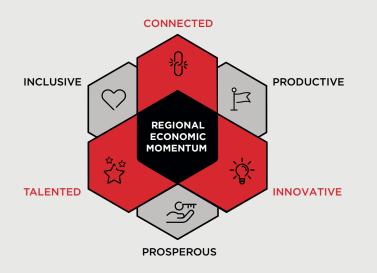


ANALYSIS AND INSIGHTS

As in years past, the Columbus Region focused on the hard facts. Objective, comparative research revealed where we are strong, where we need to improve and where we are lagging behind. Analysis was conducted to address how prepared the Region is to meet the challenges of the future. Rapidly changing technology, global competition and demographic shifts are sure to have an impact on the Columbus Region, and the strategies and tactics that have worked in the past will not yield the same results going forward.

COMPARATIVE RESEARCH

As we build upon the successes achieved during the past decade, Avalanche Consulting, a national economic development consultancy, identified six areas critical to the economic vibrancy of a region — connectivity, productivity, prosperity, innovation, talent and inclusivity. While an economically vibrant region may not rate especially high in each and every measure, rare is the region that can succeed in the face of consistently poor performance across any one element. To succeed going forward, we must focus on these areas.





Consistent themes emerged from the stakeholder meetings and research. It became clear that in order to achieve a new ambition and meet both existing and emerging challenges, Columbus Region communities, leadership and institutions will need to focus on four imperatives to achieve success.

WE MUST

Sustain Our Economic Momentum

by continuing to make economic growth and prosperity a top priority.

→ WE MUST

Develop, Inspire and Attract a Talented, Adaptive and Diverse Workforce

to compete for investment.

WE MUST

Enable the Innovation Capacity

of business, academic and government sectors to grow dynamically.

4 WE MUST

Increase Global Identity and Connectivity

to attract investment and talent from around the world.





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Success breeds confidence, and confidence fuels momentum — a necessary component to the next phase of the Region's growth. To compete for talented people and strategic investment, there must be a strong case that we are getting stronger, more innovative and more diverse.

The challenge: Over the last decade, the Region accomplished its economic development goals and outperformed other Midwest metros across many metrics. To continue this remarkable level of momentum, we must amplify our successes, apply resources and redouble our efforts.

The Region must consistently invest in and execute a comprehensive economic development strategy in order to compete and to be ready for opportunities that emerge.











DEVELOP, INSPIRE AND ATTRACT A TALENTED, ADAPTIVE AND DIVERSE WORKFORCE

to compete for investment.

The Columbus Region is younger and more educated than the national average, leading Ohio and the Midwest in both population and millennial growth. We boast one of the highest concentrations of higher education institutions and an in-demand, tech savvy workforce.

The challenge: There are stubborn disconnects between demographics and outcomes, and we must work to eliminate these disparities. There is an insatiable appetite for skilled workers, and we must meet the challenges presented by automation. It will be necessary to become far more diverse, engaging

across rural and urban areas and minority communities, while also attracting talent from across the world.

A talented workforce is the most critical location factor for our existing companies and for those who seek to locate here.



#1 city for college graduates SmartAsset



35.9% of the population 25+ holds a bachelor's degree or higher



#12 in the United States and #1 in the Midwest for net migration of ages 25-34





ENABLE THE INNOVATION CAPACITY

of business, academic and government sectors to grow dynamically.

The Columbus Region is home to 15 Fortune 1000 companies, billion-dollar startups, and a strong education ecosystem. Corporate, academic, government, medical centers and R&D operations in our region are at the forefront of research and innovation. Research expenditures at The Ohio State University totaled more than \$850

million in 2017, ranking it among the top 25 universities in the United States.

The challenge: As technology advances and automation increases, threats to the existing ecosystem have emerged. Fortune 1000 companies in the Region must adapt as innovative competitors

become a threat. The higher education system is being challenged to not only deliver a talented workforce, but also comprehensive research. Government entities are undergoing a massive shift in technologies to serve citizens and to achieve status as smart cities.

To grow dynamically and to diversify our economy, we must create, use and leverage technology.



#1 city for tech workers SmartAsset



Home to the Transportation Research Center, the largest independent proving grounds in the Americas



\$484.68 million of venture capital invested in Columbus in 2018 across 61 companies





INCREASE GLOBAL IDENTITY AND CONNECTIVITY

to attract investment and talent from around the world.

The Columbus Region has worked hard to establish its identity and increase brand awareness, regionally, nationally and internationally. This has helped to attract both investment and talent, including hundreds of foreign-owned firms.

Opportunities abound for

companies to accelerate export and foreign direct investment (FDI) growth.

The challenge: It's critical that we connect our communities and companies to both each other and the rest of the world via infrastructure, including broadband.

While we connect the Columbus Region economy with others, we must also grow and elevate our brand. Expanding our reach to be globally known will help ensure continued economic growth.

✓ The Columbus Region must be connected physically, digitally and intellectually with the rest of the world.



300+ foreign-owned organizations, including 115 Japanese businesses



Home to Rickenbacker International Airport, one of the world's only cargo-dedicated airports



Columbus has been recognized as the standard-bearer for collaborative visual identity



To be the most prosperous region in the United States

We emerged from the last decade in a new, better place, but those changes did not happen in a vacuum. The world changed around us, and the economic development landscape is far different and far more competitive than 10 years ago.

Building on the success of the past decade requires something more than an economic development plan. This will be a community-wide effort requiring a shared vision for a Columbus Region economy that enables prosperity for all. It will test our courage to change our approach even as we near the end of a decade of unprecedented economic growth.

PROSPERITY DEFINED:

The process by which more and more people in a region improve their economic and social well-being.









It is imperative that the Columbus Region continue to grow and diversify its economy. There are a variety of measures that include net new jobs, gross regional product and relative gains in the tax base. Economic base growth that brings new money into the Region is the primary driver of our ability to innovate and to build the needed civic infrastructure to improve the quality of life of our citizens and to build social safeguards for those with short- and long-term needs.

Health, wealth and education gains:

An expanding economy is a necessary prerequisite to increase the well-being of people and the health of our communities. However, if disparities in income, wealth, education and health are to improve, our region must take action above and beyond what we've traditionally done. Indicators include measures such as median wages, racial employment and labor participation, and community measures of housing opportunity, educational attainment, healthcare disparities, and the physical and economic mobility of the workforce.

Tech, innovation and investment gains:

The economy is driven by technology. The Columbus Region must leverage its unique position as a leading center of higher education, corporate investment and government operations to expand its economy and reduce both costs and disparities. Measures of government, business and academic innovation such as venture capital invested in our region, patent development, STEAM education and other indicators signal our capacity to meet the challenges of a disruptive economy.



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As we work together to realize our new vision, the One Columbus team is focused on providing the leadership and strategy needed to sustain and grow a vibrant region. Success over the next 10 years will be defined by accomplishing the following goals:

60k jobs

We will secure 60,000 jobs in the Columbus Region.

Full-time jobs with benefits remain a powerful way to change lives and build sustainable communities.

\$3.3 billion payroll

We will add \$3.3 billion of payroll in communities within the Columbus Region.

\$10 billion investment

We will attract \$10 billion of capital investment to the Columbus Region from our economic base projects.

THE PLAN

FOUNDATIONAL STRATEGIES

The fundamental principles for growing the Region's economy are consistent: Retain, attract and create jobs that drive economic growth.

Serve Existing Businesses

Attract New Businesses

Support Entrepreneurship And Accelerate High-Growth Firms







Objective

To create the most competitive economic base in the United States

Objective

To create the most diverse employment and tax base in the United States

Objective

To create a seamless continuum of services for venture-backed startups and high-growth firms to scale within the Columbus Region

GROWTH ACCELERATORS

To amplify and accelerate our growth, we must look outside the Region and beyond the horizon.

Prepare Communities For The Future

Increase Global Trade And Investment



Market And Promote The Columbus Region Globally



Objective

To become the most prepared area in the United States for growth and investment

Objective

To lead our peer regions in foreign investment and export growth

Objective

To become known as the most prosperous economy in the United States

ECONOMIC SECTORS





OBJECTIVE

To increase employment and overall payroll in each economic sector over the next decade, we will focus on these key industries.







Objective

To maintain our role as a retail headquarters, services and technology leader

Objective

To increase our position as a leading logistics location by building global capabilities and diversifying our employment and facilities profile

Objective

To increase our aggregate wages and diversify our finance and insurance industries











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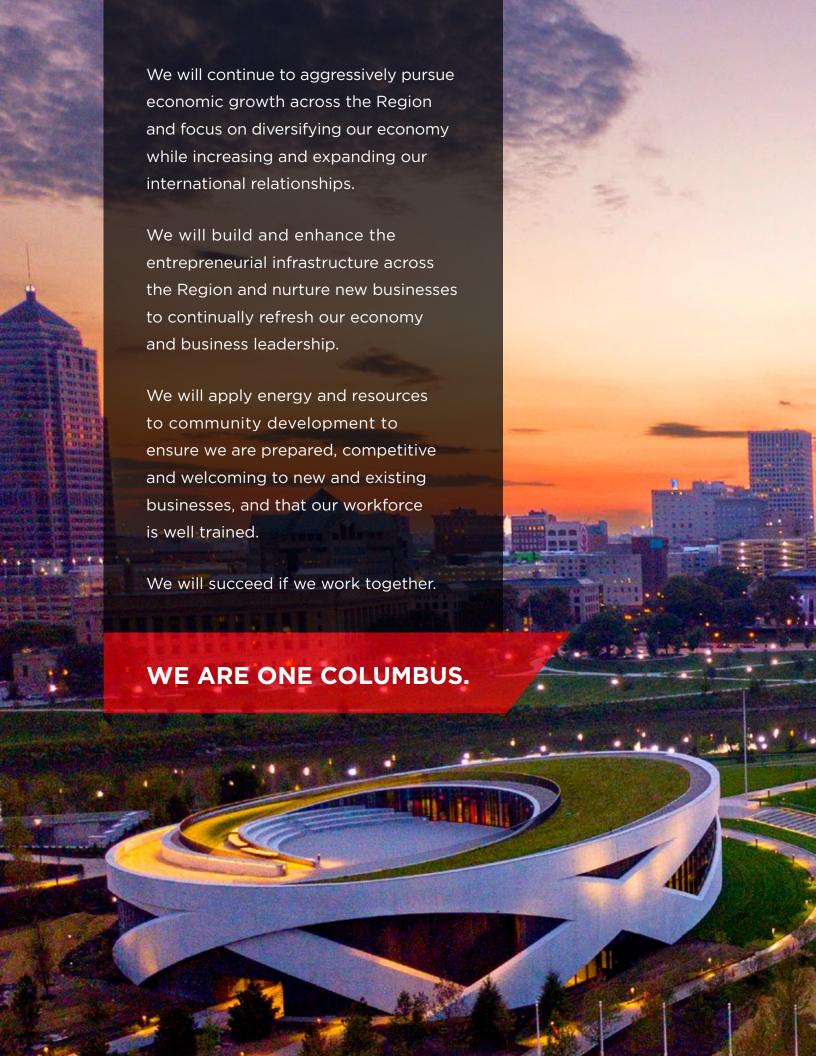
To diversify our portfolio of automotive and mobility suppliers and increase research and development services

Objective

To build a sustainable bio-medical and health services industry

Objective

To become one of the most significant advanced computing centers in the United States







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