

KEY METRICS



\$3.3 BILLION CAPITAL INVESTMENT



PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

COMPANY	INDUSTRY	NEW JOBS	CAPITAL INVESTMENT
First Quality Tissue	Advanced Manufacturing	407	\$984 Mil
Turbine Standard	Aerospace	194	\$10 Mil
Autokiniton	Automotive	97	\$313 Mil
Ohio Art	Advanced Manufacturing	53	\$10 Mil

WHY NORTHWEST OHIO?

“This site uniquely balances access to skilled labor, cost-effectiveness and strategic positioning, making it an ideal choice for expanding our operations and meeting growing customer demand.”

– REZA KARGARZADEH, EPC-COLUMBIA, PRESIDENT & CEO
SANDUSKY COUNTY

“APA Solar has been in business 17 years and is one of the top manufacturers in the solar racking hardware space. Northwest Ohio has been a great location for APA due to the large amount of local manufacturing to help support our supply chain, along with great skilled employees.”

– JOSH VON DEYLEN, CEO, APA SOLAR
HENRY COUNTY

IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS

JobsOhio Small Business Grant

The grant program is designed to provide financial support to eligible small businesses looking to grow their operations. In 2025, the RGP helped facilitate 31 Small Business Grants to Northwest Ohio companies worth \$925,000, which led to the creation of 133 new jobs. Since the program's inception in 2020, more than \$4 million in grant funding has been awarded to small businesses across the 17-county region.

JobsOhio Relocation Incentive

In 2025, JobsOhio kicked off an innovative program aimed at helping companies expand talent in STEM and tech-related occupations with direct financial incentives for attracting out-of-state professionals. The new program offers companies a \$15,000 incentive payment to hire a worker from outside Ohio, with an ultimate goal of relocating 3,000 new STEM and experienced talent to the state.



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Toledo was ranked #27 nationally by Financial Times among top U.S. cities for international development. That same list ranked Toledo #1 in the business environment category and #7 overall for quality of life.
- The RGP annual FAM Tour attracted 11 national site consultants for a three-day period to learn about the regional assets and hear industry executives discuss doing business in Northwest Ohio.
- Built on a creative and engaging strategy, the RGP's marketing team generated more than 300 leads, having implemented and executed a well-rounded, robust program targeting key target audiences in an efficient, cost-effective manner.
- Talent Acquisition Services at the RGP continued partnering with Northwest Ohio companies in navigating the workforce ecosystem to deliver customized talent solutions that lead to long-term success.

By the Numbers:

- ▶ First Quality Tissue's \$984 million project in Defiance County was the largest Advanced Manufacturing fixed asset investment in Ohio last year.
- ▶ The RGP ranked #1 in the state for collaborating with LEDOS on 90% of BR&E visits, demonstrating the importance of partnerships and relationships.
- ▶ 85% of OSIP-funded projects in Northwest Ohio for spec building development already have an end user.
- ▶ The RGP finished #1 in the state for job creation among the seven statewide regional economic development groups, achieving 178% of its goal.

Did You Know?

The City of Toledo has 70 million gallons of excess water capacity per day, more than enough to meet the needs of high-end users such as data centers.

That's a Fact

Northwest Ohio's abundant natural gas resources allow large electric users like data centers to build natural gas-fired power plants that generate electricity "behind the meter," providing excess power flowing back to the grid, making it more resilient.

"Northwest Ohio offers a lot of advantages for people looking to locate a data center. Good land, good energy and good people."

- WILL TURNER, MANAGING DIRECTOR, UPTERRA

"Communities that host data centers gain durable tax revenue, skilled employment opportunities, and a competitive advantage in attracting technology-driven industries."

- UPTIME INSTITUTE