

# Frederick, Maryland's Advanced Technology Advantage

## Advantages

### Business Friendly Environment

The Advanced Technology industry enjoys Frederick's low tax structure, fast track permitting assistance and lower development costs. Start-up companies also benefit from Frederick's commitment to a high-tech incubator, Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. (FITCI) [www.fitci.org](http://www.fitci.org).

### Strategic Location & Enhanced Transportation Network

Frederick is the Northern anchor of the I-270 Technology Corridor. Frederick is located within an hour of two metropolitan cities, Washington DC and Baltimore MD. Three major airports are located within an hour from Frederick: Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall, Ronald Reagan National and Dulles International. Locally, Frederick Municipal Airport provides business and corporate air service and is the third most active airport in the state.

### Skilled Workforce & Educational System

Frederick is home to a well-educated, highly skilled workforce. In fact, Forbes.com ranked the Frederick-Bethesda corridor the 2nd smartest city in the U.S. Frederick continues to receive national recognition for their public school system. Frederick is also recognized for their top quality higher education facilities including Mount St. Mary's University, Hood College, University of Maryland-University College and Frederick Community College.

### Technology Transfer Opportunities

Frederick is home to Fort Detrick, the county's largest employer and home of the National Interagency Biodefense Campus. The Fort Detrick Technology Transfer Initiative (FDTTI) concluded in 2013, emerging technologies with the US Army's needs. 26 companies received FDTTI awards totaling \$1.3 million and the program is responsible for creating 140 jobs. Partnerships with the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) [www.tedco.org](http://www.tedco.org) connect emerging technology companies with seed capital and entrepreneurial business assistance. Entrepreneur Magazine ranked TEDCO #1 nationally for the largest number of investments in entrepreneurs for the 5th consecutive year. [www.marylandtedco.org/tedcoprograms/fdtti.cfm](http://www.marylandtedco.org/tedcoprograms/fdtti.cfm)

## An Atmosphere of Creative Innovation



"In 1998, I chose to launch Swift in Frederick, MD because of the strategic location and great

quality of life the region offers. Simply put, we have not only been able to build one great IT business and team, but also spin off another in a large part because of the many benefits of this excellent and vibrant community." *Vaughn Thurman, President & Founder, Swift Systems Software*

"Frederick's prime location, nationally ranked school system, and dedicated workforce make it a great place to raise a family and grow a business." *Darryl Boffman, President/CEO, Acela Technologies*

"We have been in Frederick for 17 years and look forward to being a part of this wonderful city for many years to come. The downtown area, the friendly people, affluent workforce and ease to get to DC, Baltimore and major airports make this city ideal for working with government clients for their Information Technology requirements." *Kyle Yost, Co-founder, En-Net Services, Inc*

## Advanced Technology Community

Frederick County's diverse information technology community includes leading edge biotech, advanced technology businesses and traditional industries including:

- Telecommunications
- Information Security
- Software Development
- Web Development

### Other IT partners include:

- Tech Frederick
- Tech Council of Maryland
- Fort Detrick Business Development Office
- Advanced Technology Partnership Initiative with NCI and SAIC-Frederick
- Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development



...and many more...

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