

THE GREATER BRAZOS REGION:

A Hub for Innovation and Opportunity



*Discover a region at the
forefront of technological
advancement, fueled by
collaboration, innovation, and a
world-class quality of life.*

A Region Poised for Growth

The Greater Brazos Region is a dynamic hub for innovation, strategically located at the heart of the Texas Triangle. Anchored by Texas A&M University, this region is home to cutting-edge innovation in Aerospace, Defense, Semiconductors, Technology, and Life Sciences.

Through innovative public-private partnerships, the Greater Brazos Partnership drives economic growth, attracts global investment, and fosters an ecosystem of opportunity.



Regional Overview

The Greater Brazos Region is the hub of the “Texas Triangle” - formed by Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio/Austin.



EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

Labor costs are **30% less** than the national average and the state and local tax burden in Texas is the 6th lowest in the US. Regional governmental entities are committed to expediting the planning and permitting process.

STRATEGIC LOCATION

Situated conveniently between 5 of the largest cities in the US, providing easy access to **25 million people** within 200 miles.

FUTURE READY WORKFORCE

A population of over 10 million and **120,000 students** in a 90-mile radius attending higher-ed institutions.

HOME OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The presence of Texas A&M University and System means industry can benefit from innovative partnerships. With **\$1.278B** in annual research expenditures, Texas A&M ranks as the top research institution in Texas.

CONNECTIVITY

Logistical advantages include central access to the Texas Freight Network, air service and train systems, and a location **100 miles** from the No. 1 port in the nation.

Driving Innovation in Aerospace and Defense

The Greater Brazos Region boasts state-of-the-art facilities like the Bush Combat Development Complex and the Texas A&M RELLIS Campus, advancing technologies in defense and national security. Industry leaders benefit from partnerships with Texas A&M University, cutting-edge research, and a ready talent pool of skilled graduates.

Fast Facts

The RELLIS Campus at Texas A&M University is a 2,400-acre ecosystem of high-tech research, technology development, and education like few others in the world. Originally a military site, it now fosters innovation in fields such as infrastructure, transportation, and smart technologies. Key features include:

- **BUSH COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX**

Advancing national defense and security technologies.

- **INDUSTRY COLLABORATION**

Hosting tailored research and training programs in partnership with global corporations.

- **FACILITIES**

Cutting-edge labs for testing, education, and technology development.

The campus exemplifies collaboration between academia, industry, and government to drive innovation and meet evolving market demands.



Powering the Future of Technology

The Greater Brazos Region is a critical player in the global electronics supply chain, advancing semiconductor innovation and emerging technologies. Anchored by Honeywell's ultra-pure hydrofluoric acid production facility and Texas A&M's cutting-edge research, the region supports the development of next-generation chips and microelectronics. With growing investments in artificial intelligence and automation, the region is fostering innovation to meet the demands of tomorrow's industries.



Fast Facts

- The Region is at the forefront of semiconductor manufacturing and technological innovation. **The region hosts North America's only ultrapure hydrofluoric acid production facility, essential for semiconductor manufacturing**, solidifying its role in the global supply chain.
- **The Texas A&M Semiconductor Institute develops skilled graduates for advanced microelectronics and chip design**, ensuring a robust workforce pipeline to support industry growth.
- Building on this foundation, **the region fosters innovation in AI and technology, advancing breakthroughs in predictive analytics, automation, and machine learning.**
- Through strategic collaborations, **industry partnerships leverage Texas A&M's R&D facilities to create groundbreaking solutions for global challenges**, driving progress and innovation on a global scale.

The Greater Brazos Region is where cutting-edge research meets industry expertise, enabling transformative advancements in semiconductors, AI, and beyond.



Silicon Valley Turns Its Focus to the Greater Brazos Region

The Greater Brazos Region has captured the attention of Silicon Valley, identifying it as a rising hub for technological advancement. At the center of this recognition is the newly established **Innovation Triangle** office, a partnership between Plug and Play, Texas A&M Innovation, and the Greater Brazos Partnership. This groundbreaking initiative brings together startups, industry leaders, and academia to drive innovation in critical technologies such as **autonomous systems, advanced materials, and cybersecurity.**

Fast Facts

- The **Innovation Triangle** connects startups with Fortune 500 corporations and defense innovators, fostering global collaboration.
- By focusing on Aerospace and Defense, this initiative accelerates innovation in critical areas such as **national security technologies** and **advanced systems development**, reinforcing the region's strategic importance.
- Through **mentorship, funding opportunities, and access to Plug and Play's expansive global network**, the Innovation Triangle provides cutting-edge support that propels startup success and attracts industry leaders.
- These collaborations leverage the expertise of Texas A&M Innovation, bridging research and application to tackle real-world challenges.

The Greater Brazos Region stands at the forefront of growth and innovation, with the Innovation Triangle further strengthening its reputation as a leader in aerospace and defense, driving collaboration, advanced technology, and transformative solutions.

Innovating in Biotech and Pharmaceuticals

The Greater Brazos Region's Bio-Corridor is transforming healthcare through cutting-edge research and innovation in life sciences. Anchored by global leaders like Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies and Matica Biotechnology, the region excels in pharmaceutical manufacturing, cell and gene therapy, and advanced biotech solutions. Recent contributions, such as supporting the development and production of COVID-19 vaccines, further showcase the region's capacity for groundbreaking healthcare advancements.



Fast Facts

• FUJIFILM DIOSYNTH BIOTECHNOLOGIES

Present in the region for a decade, Fujifilm recently completed a \$300M expansion to build the largest single-use Contract Development & Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) facility in North America as a global leader in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

• MATICA BIOTECHNOLOGY

At the forefront of cell and gene therapy, offering state-of-the-art solutions for advanced therapies.

• COVID-19 VACCINE ROLE

Pfizer partnered with Texas A&M to support Operation Warp Speed, accelerating vaccine production during a critical global health crisis.

• COLLABORATIVE ECOSYSTEM

Close ties with Texas A&M University ensure access to leading research, talent, and innovative technologies. Texas A&M is the number 1 institution in the US for biological and agricultural engineering degrees.

• BIO-CORRIDOR IMPACT

Facilitates seamless collaboration between academic, corporate, and government stakeholders, accelerating breakthroughs in life sciences.

The Greater Brazos Region continues to lead in advancing biotech and pharmaceuticals, driving solutions that impact lives worldwide.



Collaborating for Success

The Greater Brazos Region stands out as a dynamic hub for innovation, where academia, industry, and government converge to drive advancements across critical sectors. Anchored by institutions like the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), Blinn College District, and the RELLIS Campus, the region provides the infrastructure, expertise, and workforce needed to fuel cutting-edge innovation.

At the heart of the ecosystem is Texas A&M University, a leader in research and talent development. Together with local partners, the region fosters an environment where ideas flourish and businesses thrive.

Key Highlights

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

\$1.278 billion in annual research expenditures, ranking Texas A&M as the top research institution in Texas.

SKILLED WORKFORCE

Texas A&M University's College of Engineering has over **25,000 students** currently enrolled, ensuring a robust pipeline of future talent for cutting-edge industries.

STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING

Workforce development programs at Blinn College and TEES prepare graduates with industry-specific skills in areas like **advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and technology.**

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborations with **global corporations** provide access to cutting-edge facilities and real-world application of research.

With its robust infrastructure, innovative mindset, and commitment to collaboration, the Greater Brazos Region's innovation ecosystem is driving transformative solutions for today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Building the Workforce of Tomorrow

The Greater Brazos Region is home to a thriving talent pipeline, powered by world-class universities and specialized training programs. With over 120,000 students enrolled in higher education institutions within a 90-mile radius, the region produces a steady stream of skilled graduates ready to drive innovation in cutting-edge industries like aerospace, defense, semiconductors, and biotech.

From Texas A&M's renowned engineering programs to Blinn College's tailored workforce development initiatives, the region is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of today's rapidly evolving industries.



Fast Facts

- **TEXAS A&M COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

7 undergraduate programs that are ranked in the top 10 among U.S. public engineering schools, with expertise in aerospace, semiconductor, and advanced manufacturing technologies.

- **BLINN COLLEGE**

Offers workforce training programs designed in collaboration with industry partners to address specific skill needs.

- **UNMATCHED SCALE**

Texas A&M University's Mays Business School is ranked #1 among public institutions for producing Fortune 500 CEOs, highlighting its role in shaping global business leaders.

- **FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT**

Programs like the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) provide specialized training and research opportunities.

The Greater Brazos Region's commitment to education and workforce development ensures its industries have access to the best talent, driving growth and innovation for years to come.

Work, Live, and Thrive

The Greater Brazos Region offers a lifestyle that seamlessly blends opportunity and enjoyment. With a cost of living 20% lower than the national average, world-class healthcare, and diverse cultural and recreational activities, the region is a place where businesses and residents thrive.

From the vibrant art and music scene in Downtown Bryan to College Station's dynamic university atmosphere, the region is rich in experiences that cater to a variety of interests. Whether enjoying outdoor adventures at Lake Bryan or savoring local cuisine, there's always something to discover.

Highlights

• AFFORDABLE LIVING

A cost of living well below the national average ensures accessibility and comfort for residents.

• HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE

Home to top-tier facilities like CHI St. Joseph Health and Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.

• OUTDOOR RECREATION

Explore hiking trails, fishing, and watersports at Lake Bryan, or enjoy the beauty of Veterans Park.

• CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Experience art galleries, live music, and local festivals like Downtown Bryan's First Friday and the Hullabaloo Music Festival.






The Greater Brazos Region is more than a place to work—it's a place to live life to the fullest.



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