

I. INTRODUCTION

The area of interest includes all of upper New York state and the Pittsburgh area of western Pennsylvania. Major cities in these areas include Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Binghamton, Plattsburgh, and Pittsburgh. The commercial base is diverse, with industries varying from primary forestry and mining operations to manufacturing.

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II. THE ECONOMIES OF UPSTATE NEW YORK AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

New York state borders the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and is accessible from Canada by six major border crossing ports. These ports include Port Erie/Buffalo, Niagara, Hill Island crossing, Prescott/Ogdensburg, Cornwall/Matsons and Champlain, New York. Other lesser border crossings exist; however, the above six represent the principal commercial ports. Pennsylvania has no direct border contact with Canada, but adjoins New York along its eastern boundary.

The area of interest for study consists of thirty-five (35) counties in upstate New York and five (5) counties in western Pennsylvania around Pittsburgh. These counties are listed in Tables 1 and 2 and maps displaying the locations of each of the counties can be found in Appendix A. Additional data contained in the tables are statistics on the labor force for both countries, and the size and classification of the associated printing industry². The purpose of

¹ U.S. Dept. Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Regional Civilian Labor Force Summary*, July and August, 1993

² U.S. Bureau of the Census, *County Business Patterns*, New York, 1993