

Opportunity will continue to exist in the aerospace industry, but not to the extent known in the 1980s.

Telecommunications, electronics, medical instrumentation, software, and biotechnology will continue to be areas of tremendous technology transfer opportunity.

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2.1.11 Minneapolis (Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Nebraska)

The region produces some 4.3% of total U.S. gross domestic product (GDP). Two thirds of goods and services produced in the region are from the states of Minnesota (42.3%) and Iowa (24.5%).

The Region represents 4.5% of the U.S. population. Major concentrations of population are in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha and Nebraska.

Minnesota and Iowa dominate the manufacturing sector producing over 80% of the region's output. Agriculture is a major sector in all states with the region generating 17% of U.S. production. Mining is an important contributor to the economies of Montana and North Dakota.

Located in the region are 24 Fortune 500 firms. The Minneapolis-St. Paul area is considered a leading high-tech center in the U.S. Minnesota employment in high-tech firms numbers about 180,000 with approximately 40,000 producing office and computing machines, the largest high-tech industry segment.

Key industrial/high-tech sectors include (1) office and computing machines; (2) medical devices; (3) scientific/testing instruments; (4) telecommunications equipment; (5) computer peripherals; and (6) electronic components. Minnesota manufactures/sells nearly \$5.2 billion (U.S.) of computers and electric/electrical equipment.