### 'The Vital Center'

### A Federal State Compact to Renew the Great Lakes Region

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Great Lakes Economic Initiative: Project Overview

- Great Lakes Region is in transition from industrial to knowledge economy leadership
- Great Lakes region has a central role in US-Canadian economic competitiveness
- Great Lakes regional leadership can advance a winning economic strategy

#### The Great Lakes region created and dominated the agroindustrial era, also launched the knowledge economy...large, dynamic, highly interdependent economy

#### Great Enterprise:

- •Armour
- •Ford
- •Rockefeller
- •Sears
- •Heinz
- •Carnegie
- •Dow
- •Kellogg

#### Great Innovation:

- •Assembly Line
- •The skyscraper
- •Land grant university
- •The airplane
- •The Internet



To "Tech Belt"

### To "North" or "Freshwater Coast"

Great Lakes region has tremendous assets and infrastructure to leverage that are central to economic success in today's global, knowledge economy

#### Great Lakes Is Home to Leading Global Business Sectors



# Including traditional and emerging sectors that are regionally agglomerated

Energy, Transport, IT, Chemicals, bio-science, automotive sectors

Note: State/Province employment >20,000 and LQ>2

Source: Institute for Competitiveness & prosperity based on Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness, Cluster Mapping Project



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# Critical mass provides potential leadership in emerging sectors, such as next generation energy

#### Energy Statistics, 2004

Source: EIA State Energy Data, 2004 Report

\*Comparison regions are those that are drawn and defined by the U.S. Census; Great Lakes states are therefore also included in these regions. \*\*State figures include states in their entireties

Region*, with	Primary	Net Generation, 2004		Consumption, 2004	
states**	Source	(MWh)	Rank	(MWh)	Rank
U.S.		3,970,518,778		3,536,802,678	
Great Lakes		1,367,154,311	34%	1,153,471,436	33%
Illinois	Coal	191,957,778	5	139,253,956	7
Indiana	Coal	127,770,396	9	103,094,263	12
lowa	Coal	43,248,189	34	40,902,773	31
Kentucky	Coal	94,529,947	18	86,521,156	15
Michigan	Coal	118,487,269	12	106,606,040	10
Minnesota	Coal	52,364,127	25	63,340,315	24
Missouri	Coal	87,632,910	20	74,054,296	20
New York	Nuclear	137,964,794	7	145,081,709	5
Ohio	Coal	148,345,905	6	154,221,114	4
Pennsylvania	Coal	214,658,501	3	143,501,493	6
West Virginia	Coal	89,749,562	19	28,918,612	35
Wisconsin	Coal	60,444,933	23	67,975,709	21
Northeast		549,879,552	14%	503,186,475	14%
South		1,703,443,847	43%	1,517,959,100	43%
West		770,706,184	19%	683,475,923	19%
Midwest		946,489,195	24%	832,181,180	24%

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### Bio-life sciences and health care - the region is home to top medical research and hospitals, many ranking in the top ten in their areas

Healthcare
Rankings,
2006

Specialty	Hospitals in the top ten	Five hospitals in the Great Lakes Region were awarded Honor Role status, of which only 14 hospitals across the country attained by being ranked highly in at least six specialties.
Cancer	2	Hospitals
Digestion	4	Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
ENT	6	Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
Endocrinology	3	Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University, St. Louis
Gynecology	2	University of Michigan Hospitals and Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
Heart	3	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Kidney Disease	3	Source: 2006 Hospital Rankings by U.S. News and World Report
Neurology	3	
Ophthalmology	1	
Orthopedics	4	
Pediatrics	3	
Rehabilitation	3	
Respiratory	3	
Rheumatology	2	
Urology	2	

# Advanced manufacturing...next generation leadership in electronics, robotics, nanotechnology, materials

Union (blue) and Non-Union Plants in Component Manufacturing

Source: WAI analysis of proprietary AFL-CIO data on locations of unionized plants, 2005



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# Accounts for 30% plus of US trade, and is center of largest bi-lateral trade in the world...\$1.8 billion annually with Canada.

International Freight: Second to None (US exports and imports in tons)

Source: Testa, 2007



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#### Great Lakes is one of the country's emerging 'megaregions', US-side alone has 40 million people living in networked metros

Major Interstates Linking Mega-Regions in the U.S.

Source: Robert E. Lang and Dawn Dhavale, "Beyond Megalopolis: Exploring America's New "Megapolitan" Geography," 2005



Huge marketplace and engine - with highly integrated economy of Ontario, and Great Lakes region is third largest "country" by GDP in world...

United States 2005 GDP by State (Millions of Constant 2000 US\$) 352,746 - 1,621,843 216,065 - 352,745 110,547 - 216,064 53,711 - 110,546 23,134 - 53,710

Map Source: B. Affolter-Caine: 2007 Canada 2005 GDP by Province (Millions of Constant 1997 CA\$) 145,502 - 483,962 35,873 - 145,501 21,220 - 35,872 3,438 - 21,219 875 - 3,437

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The Great Lakes region is a world center for developing new technologies and ideas – generating one-third of the nation's new intellectual property

Patents per 100,000 Jobs, 1999

Source: A. Reamer, L. Icerman and J. Youtie, *Technology Transfer and Commercialization: Their Role in Economic Development, 2003* 



### Home to the most significant education infrastructure and network of learning institutions on earth...



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# Including 20 of 100 top-ranked universities in the world, more than any other region...

Great Lakes' Top 100 Ranked Universities in the World

Source: Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2005

Institution	Location	Rank
University of Chicago	Chicago, Illinois	9
Cornell University	Ithaca, New York	12
University of Wisconsin - Madison	Madison, Wisconsin	16
University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Michigan	21
University of Toronto	Toronto, Ontario	24
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign	Urbana-Champaign, Illinois	25
Washington University	St. Louis, Missouri	28
Northwestern University	Evanston, Illinois	31
University of Minnesota	Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota	32
Pensylvania State University	University Park, Pennsylvania	39
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	43
Carnegie Mellon University	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	54
McGill University	Montreal, Quebec	62
Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio	63
University of Rochester	Rochester, New York	65
Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, Ohio	69
Purdue University	West Lafayette, Indiana	75
Michigan State University	Lansing, Michigan	77
Indiana University	Bloomington, Indiana	87
McMaster University	Hamilton, Ontario	90

# That makes it the nation's talent generator, particularly in the sciences, engineering, management



Notes: Survey of Doctorate Recipients sample design does not include geography. Data on S&E doctorate holders are classified by employment location, and workforce data are based on respondents' residence. Thus, the reliability of data for areas with smaller populations is lower than for more populous states. Workforce represents employed component of civilian labor force and is reported as annual data, not seasonally adjusted. All degrees include bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees; advanced degrees include only master's and doctoral degrees. S&E degrees include physical, computer, agricultural, biological, earth, atmospheric, ocean, and social sciences; psychology; mathematics; and engineering.

# Including talent both nation's need to compete with rising powers-- 41 percent of all degrees in Canada and US



**degrees were conferred in the Great Lakes Economic Region - or 41.1 percent** of all degrees conferred in 2004. This is a greater proportion than compared to the GLER's share of total 2005 population - 35.9 percent.

Including the fact that the region's immigrants are, on average, highly educated and valuable contributors to the region's talent base



37-55%

31-36.9%

27-30.9%

23-26.9%

15-22.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2005

Map Source: B. Affolter-Caine: 2006

# Great Lakes Region is home to global cities with international reach -- business, commerce, people



Source: Yaro, America 2050, Regional Plan Association

That have valuable infrastructure and new economy assets in place. Waterfronts >Transit/Transport Sewer, Water and Electricity Historic Buildings Urban Streets Civic and Cultural Institutions

The Great Lakes Region is also a uniquely attractive and viable platform for sustainable economic growth in North America

1/5 World's Freshwater Rich Natural Amenities: Forests, Rivers and Lakes Environmental and Historical Recreation/Tourism Opportunities for Water-Based Development

**Potential to lead in "Clean-Green Technologies": Energy, fuels, transport, building, and clean water** 



Great Lakes Region certainly has significant and unique economic challenges – most are directly linked to its industrial and factory economy leadership

Among these are the largest concentrations of older industrial areas, many blocking valuable waterfront and urban land

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#### Reliance on manufacturing sector – which for generations provided good jobs without higher education. The sector is still very productive, but produces directly fewer jobs

Manufacturing Output and Employment

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Graph Source: William Testa, Chicago Federal Reserve Letter Challenges and Prospects Report, 2004



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### Economic restructuring means unemployment is high in the region, and many need new jobs and skills





Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Map Source: B. Affolter-Caine: 2006



The region's large employers and labor forged unique American model of employer-based health care and pensions – today undermines competitiveness and hurts worker adaptability

Union Membership in 1982



Map Source: B. Affolter-Caine: 2006

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Among the states in the region, only two states escaping the "brain-drain" of college educated 25-39 year olds...



Source: U. S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, special tabulation.. The young are those who were aged 25 to 39 in 2000; the single are those who were never married, or were widowed or divorced in 2000; and the college educated are those who had at least a bachelor's degree in 2000.

# And the region lacks culture and capital to commercialize the ideas generated in the region





# Which means new idea creation is not fueling entrepreneurial activity in the region

Entrepreneurial Activity Rank, 1990-2001



#### **Entreprenential Activity Rank**

- Highest
- 🍭 High
- 👂 🛛 Average
- 🕘 🛛 Low
- Lowest

Source: Compiled from the 1990-2001 LEBM data file, U.S. Census Bureau by Advanced Research Technologies, LLC with slimination of "Small Regions"

Map Source: B. Affolter-Caine: 2006

# The region's metros suffer from high "legacy of place" costs, including older housing, aging sewers, dated transportation system, duplicative government units

Rank of Legacy of Place Score, 2006



Map Source: B. Affolter-Caine: 2006 \*Legacy of place takes into account the costs associated with a declining industrial base, an older infrastructure, high unsmployment, a lower s ducational attainment among population, a disproportionate need of human services, and a tax base insufficient to support the domand for services.



# Need Local – State - Regional – Federal Actions and Policies that Drive Economic Vitality

States - communities aren't islands "Beggar thy neighbor" hurts all Great Lakes have regional advantages – demand regional actions to leverage assets Nation has huge economic and political

stake in region's success

### **Blueprint for Renewing GLER**

#### **Fuel Innovation Engines**

- Enhance & Focus Federal/State R&D tapping Great Lakes research horsepower
- Pool the \$ to Commercialize New Technologies in the Region
- ➢Grow the STEM Talent Nation Needs to Compete
- Fuel Bi-National Great Lakes Economy
- Grease the bi-national marketplace
- Bi-National Innovation and Quality of Place agendas

#### **Build on Unique Great Lakes Place**

- ➢Water-based, natural feature, amenity-based development, GLRC follow through
- Clean-green technology, industry, materials, design, process leader
- Infrastructure, transport/transit, housing policies for industrial cities
- Remake Employee-Benefits Compact
- Portable & Universal State/ Regional Pensions and Health Care
- Training & Education to Encourage Labor Adaptability

### Great Lakes Economic Initiative: Next Steps

- Network/leadership Building in Region
- Further Policy Development Make real the recommendations (like Great Lakes Restoration)
  - >U.S. Canada Bi-national Economy and Policy Implications
  - ➢Global Center for Freshwater Research, Education & Tech.
  - Great Lakes Regional Venture Capital Strategy
  - National Energy Technology Strategy
  - Federal-State-Individual GI Bill
- Policy Advancement Opportunity '08

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