



# OPEN FOR BUSINESS

## Foreign Direct Investment in Maryland

Located on the East Coast in the prime commercial corridor of the United States between Washington, D.C. and New York, Maryland has the top ranked science and technology workforce; leading research hospitals; more than 350 federal, academic and private research centers; 56 colleges and universities; excellent transportation connections; a major deep water port and access to four international airports. Maryland's proximity to the nation's capital also provides immediate access to key government decision-makers, foreign embassies and international business leaders.

**#1** Federal R&D investment

**#1** in concentration of engineers and scientists

**#1** R&D spending by JHU

**#1** concentration of STEM professionals

**#2** most educated state

## Maryland's Global Community

A truly global community, Maryland is home to four of the most diverse cities in the U.S.\* Foreign investors and their families are warmly welcomed and find a wealth of cultural connections.

- Next door to nearly 180 embassies
- 900+ foreign-owned companies in Maryland
- Cost of living in the Baltimore metro is 75% of Washington, D.C. and 50% of New York City
- 1 out of every 7 Maryland residents were born overseas
- Business support services and community networks provide assistance in multiple languages

\*Source: [wallethub.com/edu/most-diverse-cities/12690/](http://wallethub.com/edu/most-diverse-cities/12690/)

## International Business Assistance

The Maryland Department of Commerce Office has a long history of assisting businesses with foreign direct investment and oversees 16 international offices.

Our team members can help you with:

- Customized market research
- Identifying investment opportunities
- Introductions to potential partners
- Site visits and meeting arrangements
- Information on Maryland's business, governance and regulatory framework
- Workforce training



### Strategic Location

- 5 major Interstate Highways I95, I81, I70, I68, I695
- 4 International Airports BWI, DCA, IAD, PHL
- Four Foreign Trade Zones
- Port of Baltimore
  - Capable of receiving post-Panamax ships
  - Closest Atlantic seaport to the Midwest
  - Top U.S. roll-on, roll-off port

### Key Industry Leaders

Maryland leads in biotechnology and life sciences, aerospace and defense, IT, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, financial services, agribusiness, sustainability, energy and tourism.



For more information about foreign direct investment in Maryland visit [Open.Maryland.gov/global](http://Open.Maryland.gov/global) or contact:

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