

Houston means business

CenterPoint Energy's Economic Development Team

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CenterPoint Energy delivers reliability

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, CenterPoint Energy, Inc., is an energy delivery company with electric transmission and distribution, power generation, and natural gas distribution operations that serve more than seven million metered customers in Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas. CenterPoint Energy's competitive energy businesses include energy-related services, energy efficiency, and sustainability solutions. The company also owns and operates intrastate natural gas pipeline systems that help fund utility operations.

CenterPoint Energy maintains the wires, poles, and electric infrastructure serving 2.4 million metered customers in the greater Houston area and 145,000 customers in Indiana. We sell and deliver natural gas to 4.5 million homes and businesses in eight states.

CenterPoint Energy delivers service

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CenterPoint Energy delivers innovation

Houston has relationships reaching around the world. The region's geographic location provides easy global access for both goods and people. CenterPoint Energy's Economic Development Team takes full advantage of those ties to provide an array of confidential services to businesses wishing to expand to or relocate within the Houston area. We partner with top business and civic leaders, including more than 50 economic development agencies at the state and local level, to assist companies and organizations throughout the region identify and qualify a possible site.

The team's goal is to provide you the information you need to make the right location or expansion decision. Our services include the following:

- Site selection assistance
 - Select sites and coordinate tours
 - Prepare detailed site profiles and regional demographics
 - Provide a single point of contact
- Market research assistance
- Regional assistance
 - Introduce businesses to community, regional, and state economic development professionals, municipal officials, and industry executives
- Due diligence for a variety of industries
 - Aerospace
 - Biotechnology
 - Petrochemicals
 - Corporate relocation
 - Manufacturing
 - Distribution and logistics
 - Food manufacturing and distribution



Houston delivers talent

Houston has a talented workforce and wages that help companies compete globally. It also offers real estate priced below the national average, a robust infrastructure, low business costs and business incentives, and a competitive tax climate.

Major corporate center

- Headquarters of 22 Fortune 500 companies
- With 41 companies, Houston has the second largest concentration of Fortune 1000 companies in the country
- Includes offices for 51 of the top 100 international firms

Large and talented workforce

- More than three million skilled, well-educated workers
- More than 145 different languages are spoken in Houston
- Lowest cost of living among cities with more than two million residents

Robust distribution infrastructure

- More than 575 miles of freeways and expressways
- One of the nation's busiest rail centers, with 14 mainline railways originating from Houston
- Bush Intercontinental Airport ranks fourth nationally and sixth worldwide in passenger volume and eleventh in international air cargo
- The Port of Houston, the world's sixth largest, ranks first in the nation in foreign tonnage and second in total tonnage.



Houston delivers infrastructure

The academic center of the South

- More than 60 degree-granting colleges, universities, institutes, and technical schools

A fully integrated high-technology infrastructure

- An established leader in commercializing and transferring technologies developed at the Space Center Houston, Texas Medical Center, and area universities to the private sector — in particular, energy, manufacturing, and biotechnology
- Home of the state's largest technology incubator, the Houston Technology Center

The energy capital of the world

- More than 3,000 energy-related businesses, including nearly 600 exploration and production firms and 170 pipeline operators
- Home to a \$15 billion petrochemical manufacturing complex — the country's, and one of the world's largest
- Nearly 40% of the country's petrochemical manufacturing capacity is in the Houston gulf coast region