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A Proud History and a Promising Future

The northernmost city in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Winchester is a powerful economic engine with the resources and enthusiasm to help growing companies thrive, and an authentic community surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty, including Shenandoah National Park.

Within 90 minutes of the nation's capital, Winchester provides the perfect location for businesses that depend upon quick physical and data connections to the rest of the U.S. and the world. Our city is at the heart of a region with more than 7.6 million residents and a workforce of 4.1 million, 1.4 million of whom have earned a bachelor's degree or more.

Centrally Located, Well-Connected

Winchester is centrally located, giving companies easy access to major markets throughout the eastern United States. We're right on the Interstate 81 corridor that stretches from Ontario to eastern Tennessee, offering fast connections with major north-south and east-west Interstates.

U.S. Routes 11 and 50 meet in the center of the city, and Virginia Route 37 is to the east, speeding shipments throughout the region, and reaching the intermodal Virginia Inland Port in just 20 minutes, providing fast access to the entire Port of Virginia network.

Our proximity to the nation's capital also means we're less than 90 minutes from both Dulles International and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airports, connecting you with the nation and the world.



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Contact Information

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Creating Tomorrow's Workforce for Today's Employers

Winchester's residents and business community have long placed a significant value on education and creating a sustainable workforce development pipeline that keeps our local economy strong and healthy.

You'll see evidence of that in the unique relationship between John Handley High School, the Emil and Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center, Lord Fairfax Community College, and Shenandoah University, which delivers healthcare, professional, and technical training at all levels.

The Optimal Choice for Many Industries

Thanks to our location, sizable and well-educated workforce, and commitment to keeping that workforce strong, Winchester has become the ideal site for growing companies in innovative fields such as:

- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Professional Services
- Retail
- Light Manufacturing

Our business-friendly local government officials also believe in supporting and investing in the companies that already do business in our city, encouraging them to grow and expand.

