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2018 Economic Development Guide



ARLINGTON, TX. THE AMERICAN DREAM CITY.

As Money Magazine's "Best Big City in the South," Arlington is the perfect place to open or expand your business. Positioned at the center of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Arlington is among the U.S.'s major central locations for freight, air, and ground transportation. Known as the "American Dream City," our residents and diverse workforce have an undeniable can-do spirit. Whether it's convincing GM to build an assembly plant or recruiting an MLB team to Arlington, we are the place where dreams and big ideas become a reality. Home to three professional sports teams, Arlington is the Entertainment Capital of Texas!

How do we do this? First off, with 2,500 employees, the City of Arlington is large enough to manage and efficiently execute large projects, but we aren't burdened by an oversized bureaucracy. The Arlington City Council and staff are business friendly and we're always looking for innovative ways to invest in our economy.


A huge reason for Arlington's success is our fiscal management. The City enjoys a AAA bond rating from the bond rating agencies, Standard & Poor's and Fitch, and a AA+ bond rating from Moody's. We've accomplished this through smart budgeting principles and maintaining stable sales and property taxes for decades.

Another reason is the excellence and achievement found at the University of Texas at Arlington, the largest university in North Texas and the second largest in the UT system. Recently, UT Arlington was awarded the R-1: Doctoral Universities Designation. That's the highest designation by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the definitive list for the top doctoral research universities in the United States. This puts the university in an elite group of 115 institutions, including Harvard, MIT, and Johns Hopkins. In addition, Tarrant County College offers degrees and certificates in more than 60 different occupation/technical programs including manufacturing, automotive, information technology and health science.

Throughout Arlington's history, there has been no hurdle too high to clear, no obstacle we couldn't overcome, no opportunity left unseized, and no initiative to improve quality of life for all Arlington citizens left unimagined. But we all know there is much more to be done. And by hard work and consensus, we will continue Arlington's rich history of accomplishing our dreams together. Arlington is ready to be the home of your next business location.



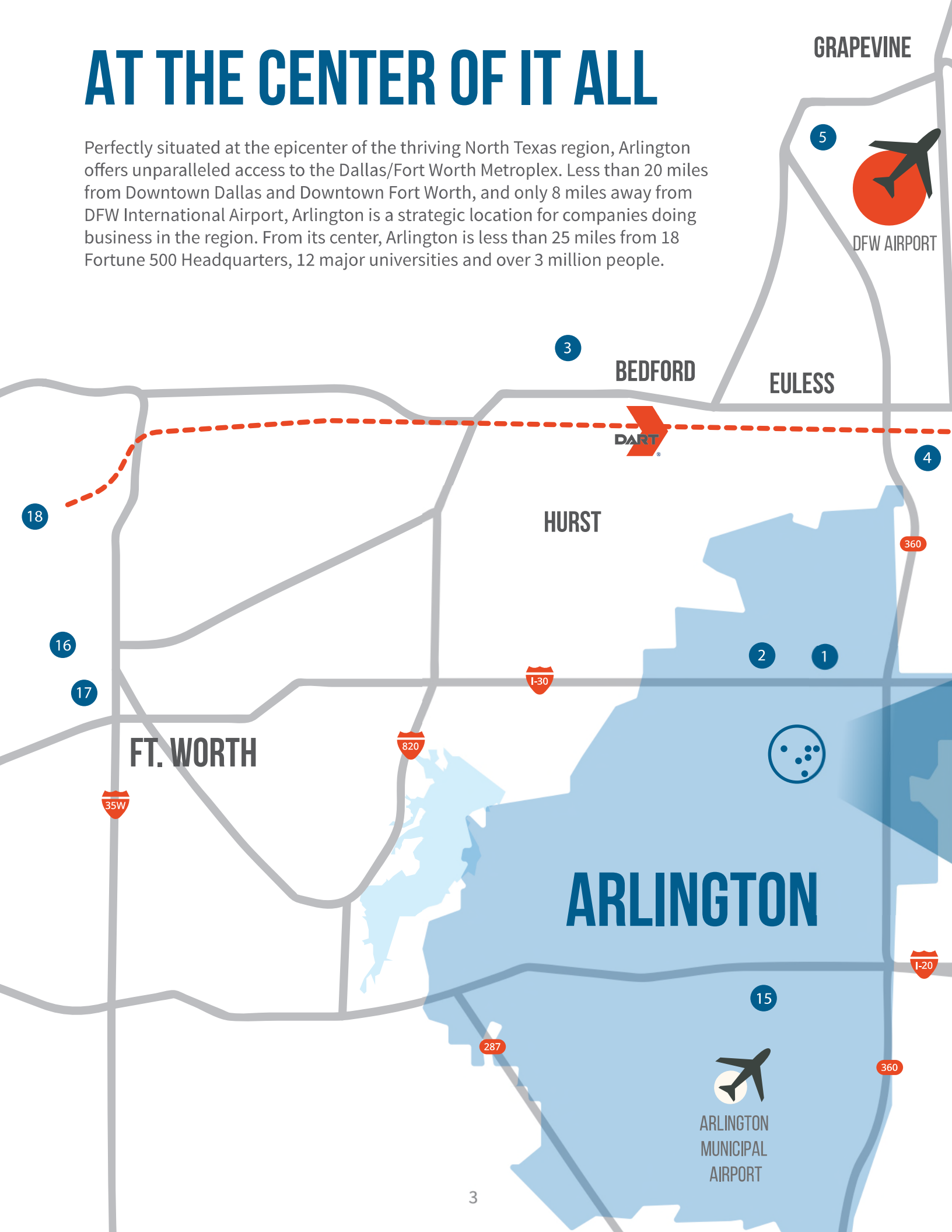
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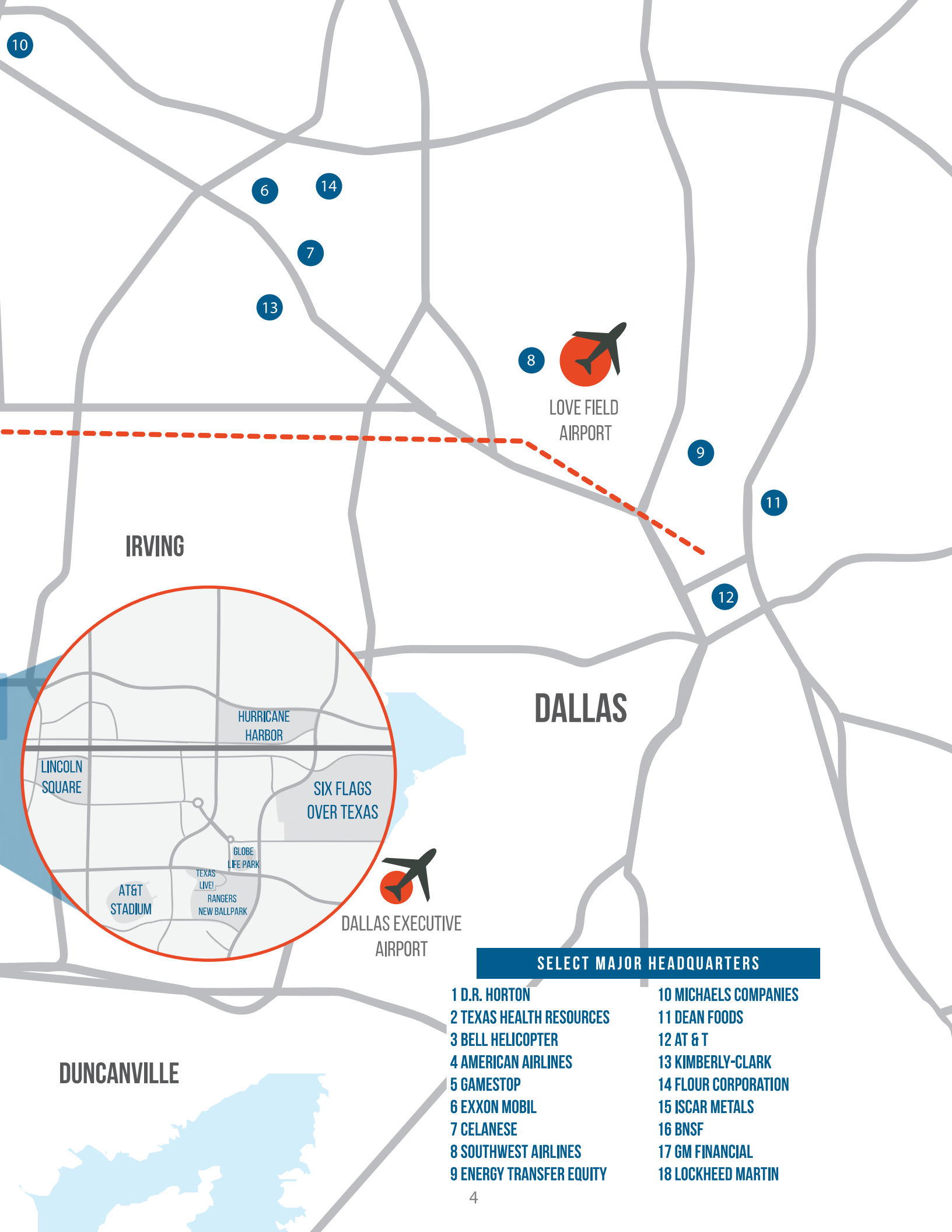


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AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Perfectly situated at the epicenter of the thriving North Texas region, Arlington offers unparalleled access to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Less than 20 miles from Downtown Dallas and Downtown Fort Worth, and only 8 miles away from DFW International Airport, Arlington is a strategic location for companies doing business in the region. From its center, Arlington is less than 25 miles from 18 Fortune 500 Headquarters, 12 major universities and over 3 million people.





SELECT MAJOR HEADQUARTERS

- 1 D.R. HORTON
- 2 TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES
- 3 BELL HELICOPTER
- 4 AMERICAN AIRLINES
- 5 GAMESTOP
- 6 EXXON MOBIL
- 7 CELANESE
- 8 SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
- 9 ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY
- 10 MICHAELS COMPANIES
- 11 DEAN FOODS
- 12 AT & T
- 13 KIMBERLY-CLARK
- 14 FLOUR CORPORATION
- 15 ISCAR METALS
- 16 BNSF
- 17 GM FINANCIAL
- 18 LOCKHEED MARTIN

TRANSPORTATION

DFW's vast transportation infrastructure provides connectivity for residents and businesses. The freeway system provides east-west and north-south corridors with easy access to job centers and residential communities via I-35, I-20 and I-30. The nation's two largest railroads, Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific have major operation nodes in the region, making Arlington a hub for distribution. In addition, DFW is home to over 15 airports including DFW International Airport, Dallas Love Field and Arlington Municipal.



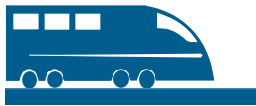
<4 HOUR FLIGHT TIME TO EITHER COAST FROM DFW

- 2 hrs 32 min to NEW YORK
- 2 hrs 30 min to LOS ANGELES
- 2 hrs 56 min to TORONTO
- 3 hrs 15 min to MEXICO CITY



OVER 200 DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM DFW AIRPORT

- 33 Direct flights to NEW YORK
- 21 Direct flights to WASHINGTON D.C.
- 12 Direct flights to SAN FRANCISCO
- 10 Direct flights to SEATTLE



DFW IS ONE OF THREE MAJOR RAIL HUBS

- 4 Days to Los Angeles
- 3 Days to Chicago
- 3 Days to Atlanta
- 1 Day to Houston



TRUCK SERVICE PROVIDES TRANSPORT TO

- 16% Of the country in 10 hours
- 37% Of the country in 24 hours
- 93% Of the country in 48 hours

VIA RIDESHARE

The City of Arlington, in partnership with Via, is proud to be among the first cities in the nation to offer on-demand ridesharing as a public transportation solution.

Because it is not a member of a transit authority, the City has a 'clean slate' to pilot new transportation technologies and innovative services, like Via.

INNOVATION



UT ARLINGTON RESEARCH INSTITUTE

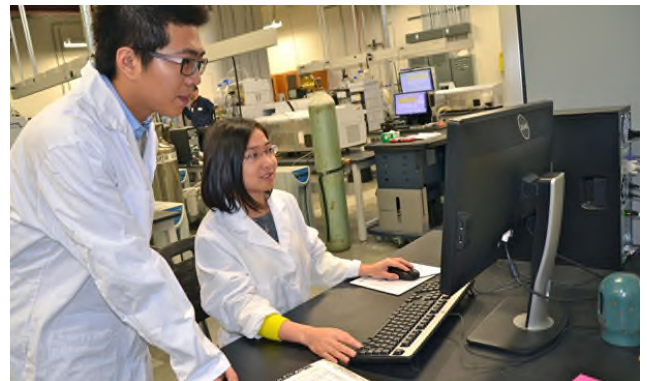
The UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI) was established to bridge the gap between academic research and product development. UTARI partners with leading global companies such as Walmart, Bell Helicopter and Lockheed Martin to convert research to prototypes and develop new technologies including automation & intelligence systems, unmanned systems, human robot interaction, computing networks and manufacturing automation.



AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE

The U.S. Department of Transportation has named Texas a national Automated Vehicle (AV) Proving Ground for the testing of connected and automated vehicle technologies. Arlington is among select Texas communities chosen as a national test site for the research and development of self-driving vehicles.

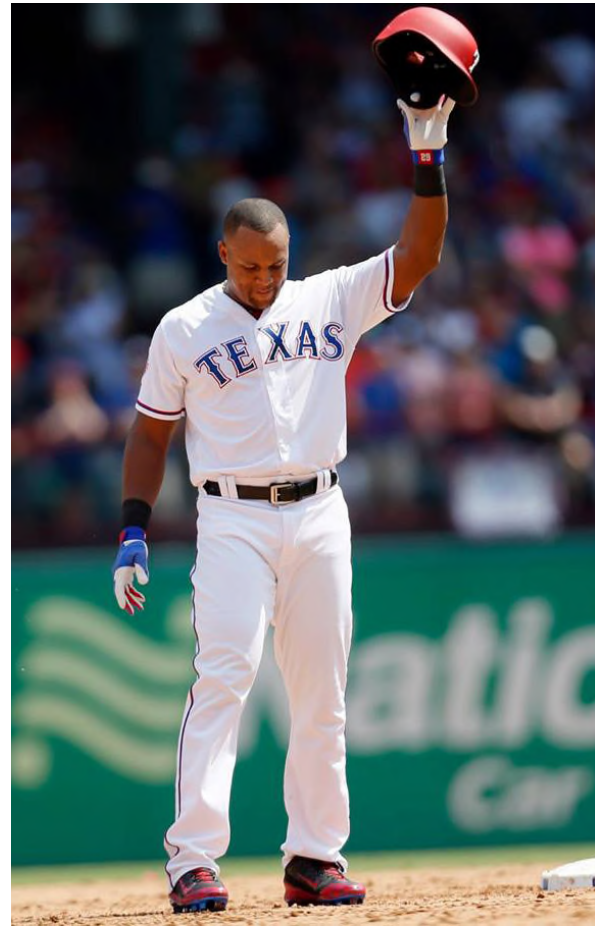
In 2017, the City of Arlington launched Milo, a free autonomous shuttle service that operates on select off-street trails in the Entertainment District before and after major events.



AERODYNAMICS RESEARCH CENTER

The Aerodynamics Research Center (ARC) at UTA collaborates with government and corporate clients on wide-ranging research, including experimental high-speed and high-temperature aerodynamics, shock/boundary layer interaction, and detonation.

ARC is the future home of the country's only university-based, arc-heated, hypersonic-testing facility for thermal protection systems.



ENTERTAINMENT

Known as the Entertainment Capital of Texas, Arlington has over 14 million visitors each year and is home to three professional sports teams (the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, and the Dallas Wings), in addition to theme parks, music venues, and some of the Metroplex's hottest concerts.

WORLD-CLASS EVENTS

- 2010 NBA All-Star Game
- 2010 & 2011 World Series
- 2011 Superbowl XLV
- 2014 NCAA Final Four Game
- 2015 Academy of Country Music Awards
- 2016 WrestleMania 32
- 2018 NFL Draft

WORLD-CLASS VENUES

- Globe Life Park
- Texas Live!
- Hurricane Harbor
- The Original Six Flags Theme Park
- AT&T Stadium
- International Bowling Museum



WORKFORCE

TOP 10 MAJOR EMPLOYERS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

GENERAL MOTORS

TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES

THE PARKS MALL

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

GM FINANCIAL

ARLINGTON ISD

CITY OF ARLINGTON

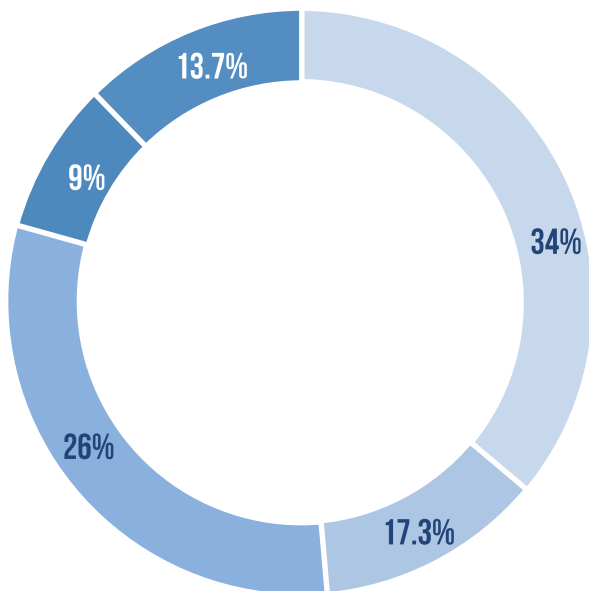
J.P. MORGAN CHASE

TEXAS RANGERS

Access to
the country's
4th
largest labor
market

A total of
3.3 million
people is within a
30-minute commute
from Arlington

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



- Management, Business, Science & Arts 34%
- Service Occupations 17.3%
- Sales and Office Occupations 26%
- Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance 9%
- Production, Transportation and Material Moving 13.7%

EDUCATION

TOP 5 MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN THE DFW

	2017 ENROLLMENT
The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA)	58,000
University of North Texas (UNT)	38,094
The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)	27,638
Texas Women's University (TWU)	15,322
Southern Methodist University (SMU)	11,789

Access to
272,745

Graduates in the
DFW from the
150+ largest 4-year
degree institutions

UTA annual
economic impact

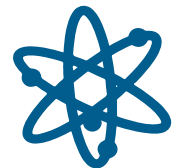
13 Billion



UTA, a Carnegie R-1: Doctoral University designated research powerhouse, boasts **58,000+** students and excels in areas of computer science & engineering.



Tarrant County College is ranked 5th in nation among community colleges and **9th** overall for associate degrees awarded.



Arlington's newest STEM program at the Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center offers state-of-the-art courses in career & technical fields to **4,800** district high school students.

QUALITY OF LIFE

SAFETY



If you are looking for big city amenities with the safety and security of a small town, look no further than Arlington.

The police department was selected to serve as **1 of 15** model agencies in the Advancing 21st Century Policing Initiative by the Obama Administration in 2016.

The National Association of Town Watch, the lead organizer of National Night Out, ranked Arlington **#2** in participation for cities with populations greater than 300,000.

Arlington Dispatch Services has maintained the status of an accredited public safety communications center with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2004.

COST OF LIVING



MEDIAN HOME PRICE
\$196,000



HEALTHCARE
2.0% below US Average



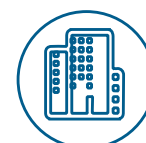
GROCERIES
7.4% below US Average



HOUSING
4.4% below US Average



UTILITIES
1.9% below US Average



HOUSING OPTIONS
1,989 single & 1,680 multifamily residential units under development

PARKS AND RECREATION

Compared with peer agencies across the United States, Arlington Parks and Recreation sets a gold standard in satisfying the recreational pursuits of its residents. Arlington ranked 25% above the national average in overall satisfaction with Parks and Recreation in 2016, besting Denver, St. Louis, and Austin. It has been named a finalist for the National Gold Medal Award from 2014 to 2017 by The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.



RIVER LEGACY

The 1,031 acre park is located along the Trinity River and has 400 species of wildlife, 193 species of birds and 28 species of trees, making it perfect for mountain biking, hiking, canoeing and family fun.



LAKE ARLINGTON

Arlington's best fishing and recreational spot with paddling trails, water equipment rentals and boating.



SW NATURE PRESERVE

A 58-acre preserve with a fishing pier, native plant communities, boardwalk and picnic tables. The Southwest Nature Preserve offers dramatic views perfect for Instagram.



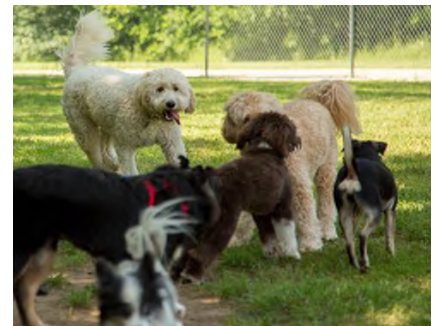
GOLF COURSES

Home to six golf courses including Tierra Verde which was ranked by Avid Golfer Magazine as the top course in DFW.



SKATE PARKS

Three skating facilities including Vandergriff skate park with 30,000 square feet of skatable terrain. The free public skate parks draw in crowds of enthusiasts from Arlington and across the Dallas-Fort Worth region.



DOG PARKS

In 2017, the City opened a second seven-acre dog park featuring water fountains, benches, climbing boulders, shaded seating areas, and four fenced-in paddocks for off-leash play.

THE ARLINGTON ADVANTAGE

- ✓ Tax Abatements
- ✓ Tax Increment Financing
- ✓ Triple Freeport Exemption
- ✓ Fee Waivers
- ✓ Chapter 380 Grants
- ✓ Fast-Track Permitting

MAJOR PROJECTS



TEXAS LIVE!



GLOBE LIFE
FIELD



VIRIDIAN



UPS
REGIONAL HUB



AT&T
STADIUM



GENERAL
MOTORS



D.R.
HORTON



SUMMIT
RACING

COMING SOON...

- L3 Technologies announced plans to expand its pilot training facility by the end of 2018.
- Rent the Runway is planning to open a 300,000-square-foot distribution center in 2019.
- The largest state-of-the-art E-sports stadium in the country is set to open its doors in Fall of 2018.
- General Motor's new Automotive Logistics Center is scheduled to open in 2019.
- Liv+, luxury student apartments, plans to open Summer of 2018.

THE TEXAS ADVANTAGE

Texas is known as one of the most business-friendly states in the country. With no corporate income tax and no individual income tax, it's no wonder why CEOs have ranked Texas the number one state for business 11 years in a row.

Chief Executive

CEOs name Texas Best State for Business
2004-2017

Forbes

One of the Best Places to Buy a Home

AREA DEVELOPMENT

Area Development Gold Shovel:
2015, 2014, 2013, 2012

Area Development Silver Shovel:
2017, 2016, 2011, 2010, 2009



Texas is the #1 state for business climate



America's Top State for Infrastructure &
Workforce

NO. 1 IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEALS DONE

- DALLAS BUSINESS JOURNAL

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