

## Industry Strengths

[vc\_row][vc\_column][vc\_column\_text]The fundamental goal of Sun Corridor Inc.'s economic development efforts is generating wealth for the community through the creation of high-skilled/high-wage jobs. Sun Corridor Inc. strives to create a vibrant, attractive and sustainable economic environment in which businesses can mature and provide wealth-building opportunities for its residents.

Sun Corridor Inc.'s business attraction, retention and expansion initiatives currently involve a strategic focus on targeted industries that were identified in the [Economic Blueprint](#). In an effort to improve the number of high-wage jobs in the region, Sun Corridor Inc. focused targeted business development activity on the following industries: Aerospace & Defense, Bioscience, Renewable & Mining Technology, and Transportation & Logistics.

# TUCSON & SOUTHERN ARIZONA: KEY GROWTH INDUSTRIES



**Aerospace & Defense**



**Bioscience & Diagnostics**



**Transportation & Logistics**



**Renewable & Mining Technologies**



**Back Office & Advanced Services**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**COMPANIES 200+  
EMPLOYEES 25K**

Aerospace Technology Graduates (UA, ASU, Cochise, PCC): **4,000+**

**KEY FACTS**

**5th highest** concentration of A&D employees in the nation

Two of AZ's largest military installations: **Davis Monthan AFB** (9,660) & **Ft. Huachuca** (9,495)

**Spaceport Tucson & Aerospace Research Campus** provide unique land & expansion opportunities

Year round flying weather, dry climate

**LEADERS SAY**

"The strong support we received from state and local organizations was essential to help provide Raytheon with the workforce and infrastructure to meet our growing demand."

**Dr. Taylor Lawrence**  
President of Raytheon Missile Systems/VP of Raytheon Company (ret)

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**COMPANIES 100+  
EMPLOYEES 5.5K**

Life Science, Science Graduates (UA, ASU, Cochise, PCC): **10,000+**

**KEY FACTS**

**Roche Tissue Diagnostics** employs 1,800

National Institute of Health (NIH) granted UA researchers over \$900MM since 2010; largest NIH grant recipient in AZ

**Critical Path Institute** headquartered in Tucson; innovative pharma research organization that serves 13 consortia globally

Over 20 life sciences programs at UA/ASU

**LEADERS SAY**

"When you consider the region's vast resources in education and research combined with a rich talent base, Southern Arizona is an ideal environment for fostering unexpected ideas and breakthrough concepts."

**Dr. Eric Walk**  
Chief Medical Officer Roche Tissue Diagnostics

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**COMPANIES 150+  
EMPLOYEES 11K**

**45 million people** served within **500 mile radius**

**KEY FACTS**

**Port of Tucson:** over 770 acres of land, 1.8M SF intermodal, foreign trade zone warehousing and logistics complex

Our proximity to **Mexico** is advantageous to bi-national commerce; 40% of produce consumed by U.S. comes through Nogales

**Union Pacific** mainline is one of the most heavily-traveled rail lines in the country

19 non-stop destinations at TUS

**LEADERS SAY**

"Here, right along the Mexico-US border, we have access to key suppliers, an urban infrastructure and communications network and a gateway to markets both east and west."

**Santiago Castro**  
Director General of Conservas La Costena CEO Faribault Foods, Inc.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**COMPANIES 50+  
EMPLOYEES 7K**

Electrical Engineering Graduates (UA, ASU, PCC): **800+**

**KEY FACTS**

**Caterpillar Surface Mining & Technology Division** employs 600

**Solar Zone at UA Tech Park** is one of the largest multi-technology solar R&D sites in U.S.

**Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources (UA)** is the only research institute in the US with the depth of experience to tackle modern mining

320+ days of sunshine; attractive to solar tech

**LEADERS SAY**

"Caterpillar was very pleased with the overall acceptance rate among employees offered a relocation to Tucson, with a solid majority accepting from across our locations."

**Christophe Dupont**  
Chief Financial Officer Caterpillar Global Mining

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**COMPANIES 60+  
EMPLOYEES 6K**

UA Eller College of Management Graduates: **1,000+**

**KEY FACTS**

**Eller College of Management** ranks #20 among public undergraduate business programs nationwide

**OptumRx** employs 100 are pharma tech

**Comcast's Center for Excellence** employs 1,100 to troubleshoot technical problems

**Ascensus**, with 200 employees, is the largest independent college savings & retirement services provider in

**LEADERS SAY**

"Similar to most companies, we needed to find a location that would serve our workforce needs but there was one thing that Tucson had that others did not: a coordinated, positive message from every person we spoke to."

**Shannon Kelly**  
President Ascensus Retirement

