



# FACT SHEET

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Ashland Alliance

[www.ashlandalliance.com](http://www.ashlandalliance.com)

Kentucky Association for Economic Development

[www.kaedonline.org](http://www.kaedonline.org)

One East Kentucky

[www.oneeastky.com/oeek](http://www.oneeastky.com/oeek)

Shaping Our Appalachian Region

[www.soar-ky.org](http://www.soar-ky.org)

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

[ced.ky.gov](http://ced.ky.gov)

## RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our local economic development experts work with local and regional economic development partners, and prospective businesses and industries to identify smart and effective business opportunities in Kentucky.

Among the recent eastern Kentucky announcements:

- Omnis Building Technologies; Wurtland KY: economical, sustainable and fire-resistant doors and cabinetry manufacturer; \$45.5 million investment, 75 full-time jobs
- Richwood Industries; Ashland, KY: mining and bulk material handling equipment manufacturer; \$5 million investment, 80 full-time jobs
- Dajcor Aluminum; Hazard, KY: extruded and fabricated aluminum products; \$19.6 million investment, 265 full-time jobs

**Kentucky Power partners with the leaders of eastern Kentucky's economic development efforts, providing comprehensive support for businesses relocating or expanding within its 20-county service territory.**

## INVESTING IN THE REGION

We work strategically with businesses, communities, government and economic development partners to facilitate business location and expansion in the Kentucky Power 20-county service territory. We are committed to our customers, communities and our state through our corporate philanthropy, volunteerism of our employees, excellent customer service and economic development. In an average year, Kentucky Power contributes more than a million dollars in economic development and community support to dozens of worthwhile initiatives. Together, we are building a stronger eastern Kentucky.

## ADVANTAGES OF DOING BUSINESS IN EASTERN KENTUCKY

- An available, skilled and intuitive workforce with a strong work ethic.
- Certified, project-ready industrial sites with due diligence completed to minimize risk, remove guesswork, and accelerate speed to market.
- Located at the center of a 34-state distribution area in the eastern United States, Kentucky's location advantage facilitates the distribution of goods and materials to a massive industrial and consumer market.
- An ability to customize flexible and industry-driven skills training sets it apart from other states in today's global economy.



## KENTUCKY POWER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND ADVANTAGES

### SPECIAL RATES AND INCENTIVES

Kentucky Power offers an incentive Economic Development Rider to enhance economic development through reductions in electric rates for qualifying major expansions or new investment:

- **Up to 55 percent** demand discount
- **Flexible contract periods**
- **Available for 500 kW** projects or expansions

We also offer a renewable pricing option for customers who want some or all of their power to be from renewable sources.

Other discounted rates may be available, including interruptible service.

### Available Skilled Workforce

- The East Kentucky workforce is rooted in the challenging coal industry, which leads to a population with a strong work ethic, loyalty to employers and broad skill sets.
- Employer satisfaction with the workforce is very high, with 80 percent of East Kentucky employers being satisfied or highly satisfied with their current workforce.
- Regional workforce of over 40,000 available workers.
- Workforce is highly mechanically inclined and proven to transition to new industries with ease.
- Base skillsets are relevant to all forms of manufacturing.
- Workforce training incentives and facilities are readily available to meet the needs of industry.

“Our people are intuitive, energetic and care about their work. They are as good as any people you will deal with.” -East Kentucky Employer

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