# **GROWING OPPORTUNITY:**

# Ada under construction





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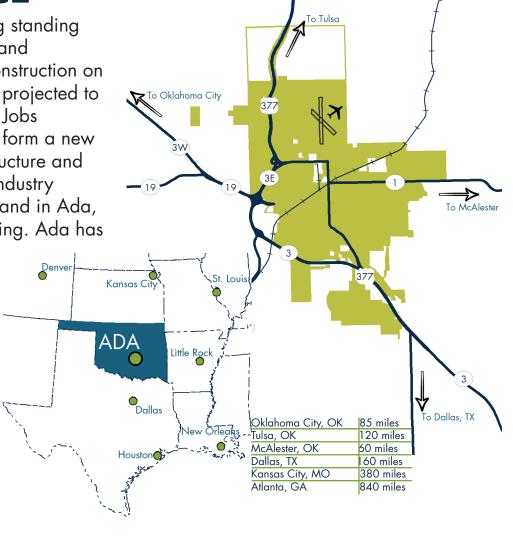
**WORKFORCE** 

Ada, Oklahoma has a long standing tradition of manufacturing and construction. Residential construction on the west side is strong and projected to continue to grow. The Ada Jobs Foundation is preparing to form a new industrial park with infrastructure and facilities. The oil and gas industry remains strong in the state and in Ada, with related industries thriving. Ada has burgeoning steel and metals industry with True

Steel currently leading the

Ada's manufacturing legacy has lead the community to offer strong training services through the Pontotoc Technology Center and incentives that target workforce training, for new and existing companies.

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## Relevant Occupation Snapshot

Ada offers competitive wages and workforce training programs at a top rated technology program. The population continues to grow in town and the region. The population is eager for new employment opportunities across a variety of sectors, including manufacturing.

Occupations	Avg. Wages
Industrial Production Managers	\$32.20
Team Assemblers	\$11.96
Production Workers	\$10.68

## WORKFORCE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING

Ada's workforce contains approximately 20,000 employees and a population of approximately 16,800. However, over 160,000 people reside within a 45 mile drive of Ada, a

reasonable commute. Unemployment is extremely low by state and national standards and there is more available workforce than is actively seeking a job currently. The current workforce is highly trained with over half the population with some college or technical training and seeking additional employment opportunities across all sectors, including manufacturing related.

The Ada community offers customized training programs and financial incentives to current and prospective companies through the Pontotoc Technology Center. The Training for Existing



Industry (EI) provides customized training to existing workers on new systems or equipment, keeping industry skills sharp and ahead of the curve. The Training for Industry (TIP) program is ranked nationally among technology centers, offering customized start-up training for workers in new or expanding companies in manufacturing, processing, and regional to national offices.

#### **How Ada Works Your Company**

- Low-cost operating environment, including transportation even with a lack of interstate access
- Highly sought after state and local incentive packages customized for your business operations and training needs
- Prospective construction opportunities both commercial and residential

## **Construction Snapshot**

Ada has seen recent commercial construction, recent home construction to the west, and has industrial park plans for the airport, with the goal of constructing some flexible industrial spaces.



#### Partnering for Effectiveness

A central location, trained labor, low utility costs, and unique incentives are some of the reasons to land your business in Ada, Oklahoma, for long-term cost effectiveness. The Ada Jobs Foundation works with the city, educators, financial institutions: including the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce; East Central University; Ada Industrial Development Corporation; and the Chickasaw Nation. We strive to recruit new business and jobs, retain those and existing jobs, and to encourage start-ups, to bring the best economic opportunity to Ada residents and the state of Oklahoma. Ada is now considered one of

Oklahoma's fastest growing labor markets.



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