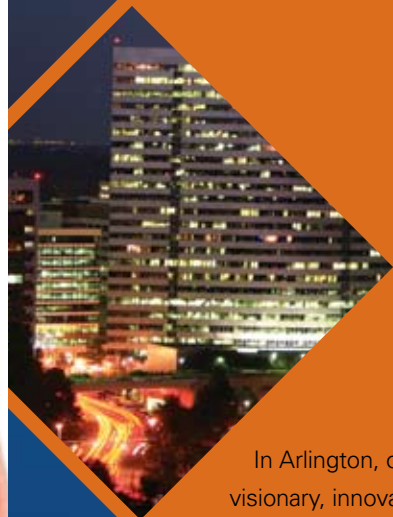




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Arlington's Business Community



In Arlington, organizations thrive on the vitality of the region's most creative and educated workforce. These visionary, innovative and diversely talented people have energized Arlington's growth into a world-class urban community, in a location that can't be beat. Situated directly across the Potomac River from the nation's capital, Arlington provides convenient access to the power, prestige, influence and opportunities of Washington, D.C., the region — and within Arlington itself.



Arlington is the epicenter of scientific research for the defense and homeland security industries. In fact, the Ballston area of Arlington has the nation's greatest concentration of scientific research agencies, anchored by the National Science Foundation, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and several top academic research institutes. Their ability to collocate within a compact, urban environment creates tremendous synergy and drives limitless ingenuity and innovation.

Arlington's diverse mix of industries extends well beyond those traditionally driven by government research. Media organizations, nonprofits, think tanks and technology firms have flocked to Arlington for its central location within the region, its talented workforce, its distinct energy and urban vibrancy.

Overall, Arlington offers nearly 40 million square feet of office space, stunning views of the Nation's Capital and a transportation infrastructure that provides unparalleled access to the region. Offering the lowest tax rates inside the Beltway, Arlington's business-friendly environment has ample amenities and creates a growth environment in which businesses thrive.



WITH PROXIMITY TO THE DISTRICT AND THE PENTAGON, ARLINGTON COULD NOT BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME PROFESSIONALLY. AND BY MOVING HERE, I REDUCED A 45-MINUTE COMMUTE TO 4 MINUTES.

**Bernard Rostker, Ph.D., Senior Fellow
The RAND Corporation**

Arlington is the most highly educated community in the Washington, D.C. region: nearly 70% of Arlingtonians hold bachelor degrees, and over a quarter hold advanced degrees.

Smart People: Workforce in Arlington

Lots of people are talking about alternative energy. And in Arlington, the most powerful alternative energy around is brainpower. Smart, creative, well-educated people are the most sought-after, highly prized commodity for any organization. And with the highest concentration of these 25–34 year olds in the region, Arlington is one of the most extraordinary and exciting areas in the region to work.

Arlington is a creative-class community by any measure, topping the chart within the Washington D.C. metropolitan area for its creative core of residents, its diversity, its educational attainment and its technology base. Arlington's creative community status results from the values and mission of the community itself, creating a place where people want to both live and work.

Communities become and remain successful based on the types of people they are able to attract. Companies benefit by drawing from a talented workforce that has a stake in its community.



ALL OF THE RESOURCES I NEED TO GET MY JOB DONE ARE RIGHT HERE IN ARLINGTON. I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT PEOPLE CARE SO MUCH ABOUT.”

Christina Murata, Ph.D.
Chief Science Officer
Bio-defense Industry



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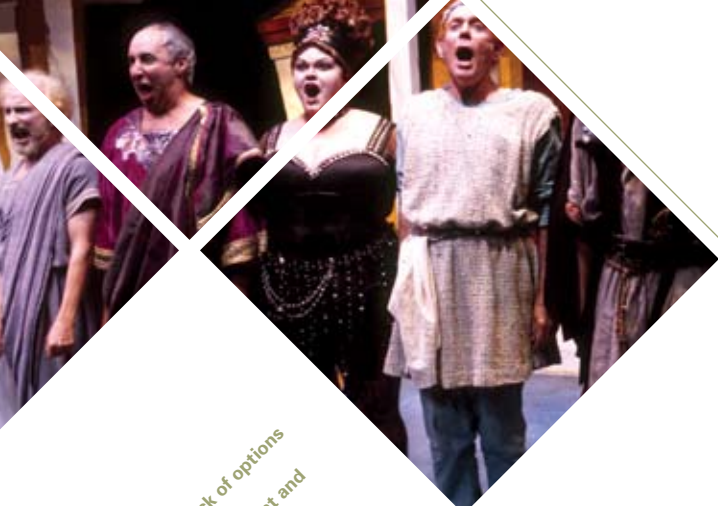
Smart Places: Locating Your Business in Arlington

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With its vertical landscape and sidewalk culture, Arlington is often described as the most urban community in the D.C. area. It's arguably the only jurisdiction in the famously horizontal D.C. area that can make such a claim. Arlington's vistas are the most celebrated in the region — its skyline evocative of a major urban center — offering marquee visibility and prestige to the businesses that locate here.

Arlington's alternative energy surges inside — and outside — its buildings. An emphasis on mixed-use development means shopping, restaurants, clubs, theaters and more are located amidst offices and residential buildings. This creates an urban energy, and a walkable environment that has earned awards and accolades for years.





There's never a lack of options for lunch, entertainment and nightlife — you'll never be limited to the same old chains. And you don't have to get in your car to pick up the dry cleaning, grab lunch or run an errand. It's all right here.

Smart Living: World-Class Urban Communities



Arlington has an alternative energy. It's vibrant, urban, hip, not what you might expect — and different from anyplace else in the region. Arlington is an urban departure from gridlocked traffic; it offers a breath of fresh air and calming green spaces. Arlington is also an alternative to the far-flung suburbs, where cars are mandatory, cavernous office parks abound and highways are clogged with commuters.

Those that live or work in Arlington can walk, bike, run, take Metro, Zip Car, bus or use just about any other transit option to get where they need to go. And they can do it quickly: Arlington's walkable community, and transit-oriented development mean less cars on its streets and more options for transportation.

Those visiting can choose from over 40 hotels and 10,000 hotel rooms; almost all are located along Metro lines.



Arlington tops the nation in education, and its superior schools are augmented by some 11 colleges and universities, with plans in the works for a major university research campus. Our abundant park land, 80 miles of bike trails and diverse commercial districts complement a world-class corporate presence.



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ARLINGTON IS ATTRACTING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES THAT WANT AN INDEPENDENT UPSCALE RESTAURANT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'S IMPORTANT TO US TO BE PART OF A GROWING COMMUNITY. AND WE'VE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO GROW ALONG WITH IT.”

Tracy O'Grady, Chef & Co-Founder
Willow Restaurant

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