the knowledge economy

Columbus

Columbus’ pulse is quickening. There’s a palpable energy that can be felt by all who visit. Already named one of 52 Places to Go in 2019 by The New York Times, the nation’s 14th-largest city isn’t slowing down as it plans to expand the Hilton Columbus Downtown headquarters hotel to 1,000 convention hotel rooms and looks forward to welcoming ASAE’s Annual Meeting & Exposition in August. Attendees are sure to be impressed by the city’s leadership in the healthcare, technology and innovation spaces, as well as its top-notch convention offerings. Will your group be next?

Greater Columbus Convention Center

1.8 million SQ. FT.
373,000 SQ. FT. of contiguous exhibit space
75 meeting rooms
Free Wi-Fi

Healthcare

Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Top 10
U.S. Childrens Hospital
U.S. News & World Report

Top 10
For NIH Funding

$100 Million
Approximate Research Funding

OhioHealth’s Research and Innovation Institute

AMONG THE TOP 10%
of research programs
at nonprofit, community-based healthcare systems
and a leader in researching new drugs, medical devices, and procedures

Metro Population:
2 million

14th largest city in the country
4th fastest-growing big city in the U.S.

HOTELS

2,250 convention hotel rooms connected/adjacent to the GCCC
4,250 hotel rooms downtown
1,000 hotel rooms currently under construction downtown
29,000 hotel rooms citywide

Columbus is home to the Arnold Sports Festival, the largest multisport event in the world.

AmericanHort’s Cultivate is the largest all-industry trade show and conference for horticulture.

Columbus hosted 80,000+ fans for the 2018 NCAA Women’s Final Four.

The city will host the ASAE 2019 Annual Meeting & Exposition.

Within a one-hour flight (one-day drive) from nearly half the U.S. population

John Glenn Columbus International Airport

More than 150 daily departures to 40 destinations nonstop
10 minutes from downtown
WINNER

U.S. Dept. of Transportation’s Smart City Challenge

Columbus is the first city in the country to offer self-driving shuttle service to the public.

Smart Columbus Experience Center: Test drive an electric vehicle and learn about the work of Smart Columbus.

Bicentennial Park: Take in an outdoor performance.

COSI: Check out the American Museum of Natural History Dinosaur Gallery.

National Veterans Memorial and Museum: The only place in the country to learn the stories of all veterans, across all eras and branches of service.

Franklinton

Innovation Neighborhood

Idea Foundry

Largest makerspace in the world housing more than 220 small businesses.

400 West Rich

Artist incubator that houses artist studios, music studios, local start-up and nonprofit offices, co-working space, and more.

CoverMyMeds

Columbus start-up that simplifies the prior authorization process recently purchased by McKesson, a Fortune 5 healthcare company.

Battelle

world’s largest contract R&D organization

Battelle invented Xerox copiers, compact discs, and coating for M&Ms. Through a collaboration with Battelle and OSU, a team of researchers created a brain chip that allows a person to move a paralyzed limb with the power of thought.

#1 city for tech workers

SmartAsset

Highest healthcare IT employment growth in the country.

ESMI data

Cardinal Health

A FORTUNE 21 COMPANY that specializes in the distribution of pharmaceuticals and medical products

The Ohio State University

24 consecutive years as one of America’s Best Hospitals

U.S. News and World Report

2nd among universities nationwide for industry-sponsored research

20 research centers and institutes

WITH MORE THAN

1,000

active research studies in virtually every medical specialty