

NORTH CAROLINA'S N O R T H E A S T



For Plant Biotech Businesses, the Road to Success is Shorter Here.

Already a global leader in plant biotechnology, North Carolina's Northeast is looking even more attractive these days for the simple reason that we make success . . . well, simpler. The fact is, no other area on the East Coast is so uniquely positioned to shorten the distance to achieving your business goals.

From laboratory concept to commercialization, you'll find an established, world-class biotech infrastructure that's ready to help your company grow, without a lot of cost, labor and tax roadblocks to slow your company down. You'll also find a collaborative and innovative team of relocation partners dedicated to making your move a complete success.

- Home to world-class research labs and greenhouses
- Network of university and corporate research scientists
- Affordable labor with plant biotechnology experience
- Free job training for bio processing skills
- Botanical extraction services; pilot extraction services available
- Thousands of acres of fertile farm land
- A pro-business climate with generous incentives
- Lower operating costs, lower taxes and less regulation
- Turnkey site selection and relocation assistance
- Biotech-friendly and biotech-knowledgeable communities





“We found everything we needed for our bio extraction facility — a skilled and reliable workforce, a strong applied science presence by the universities, a receptive community, affordable power, and plenty of skilled farmers who are willing to take on the risk of new crops.”

— David Peele, PhD, President of Avoca, Inc.



The Many Advantages of North Carolina's Northeast

State-of-the-Art Resources in Plant Biotech

- Applied research at Vernon James Center
- The first training and certification program for biotech crop growers
- University-based research assets
- Extensive laboratory facilities
- Plant extraction services available
- Collaboration with nearby Research Triangle Park
- Pro-biotech communities and growers
- Fertile farmland, favorable growing climate
- Over 90% of row crops grown are biotech varieties
- 3,116 farms, 1,470,753 acres in farmland

Superior Logistics and Infrastructure

- Easy access to key markets via I-95
- Direct rail access to nearby Port of Virginia
- Reliable, low-cost electricity and natural gas
- Fully developed industrial parks, affordable sites
- High-speed broadband throughout the region
- International airports in Norfolk, VA and Raleigh, NC

Available Workforce

- 174,000+ regional workforce
- Many with plant biotechnology experience
- Non-union and skilled labor
- Affordable wage and benefit costs
- Productive workers with strong work ethic

Powerful Incentives

- Most counties qualify for highest state incentives
- Low- and no-cost sites available
- Assistance in finding low-interest loans
- Free utility extensions
- State tax credits
- Low property taxes

A Business-Friendly Climate

- Low-cost workers' comp & unemployment insurance
- Right-to-work state
- No intangibles tax
- Free job training in community college system
- NC OSHA available for safety consultations

A Great Place to Live and Work

- Attractive, safe, progressive communities
- Low housing costs, affordable waterfront living
- Temperate four-season climate with year-round golf
- Atlantic Ocean, Intracoastal Waterway sports
- World famous beaches of the Outer Banks
- Short drive to the major metropolitan areas of Raleigh, NC and Norfolk, VA

Regional Plant Biotech Companies and Resources

Avoca, Inc.
 Bio Med Sciences Group, Inc.
 Carver Machine Works, Inc.
 Coeur, Inc.
 Drug Discovery Alliances, Inc.
 Flanders Filters, Inc.
 Global Protein Products, Inc.
 Greenfield Associates
 Hockmeyer Equipment Corp.
 IzonData Corp.
 J. Leek Associates, Inc.
 MotherVine Nutraceuticals, LLC
 Norton and Associates, Inc.
 Peanut Belt Research Station
 Quintiles, Inc.
 Tidewater Research Station
 Vernon G. James Research and Extension Center

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