

Northwest Ohio Data Center Strategy

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1. Diversify our regional economy with tech jobs
2. Use Data Centers to create sites & extend infrastructure
3. Use Data Centers to attract other tech jobs
4. Use Data Centers to attract other high-tech manufacturing
5. Use Data Center site development to find other mfg sites
6. Use ED tools to create revenue for local jurisdictions

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What is the value proposition the local & regional team offers?

1. Path to Land Control
2. Path to Power
3. Path to Zoning
4. Path to Water/Sewer Services

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Data Center Benefits

- Long term construction employment
- New maintenance & construction jobs to region
- Property tax sharing benefit communities and schools
- Power plant construction
- Data center direct tech jobs pay well
- New industry sector to Northwest Ohio
- Infrastructure extensions for further development

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Ancillary Benefits

- Attraction of white collar/tech jobs to region and Ohio
- Attraction of tech manufacturing – ie: server mfg
- Attraction of other tech (chips, quantum, defense)
- Creation of additional large sites
- Acceptance of behind-the-meter power generation
- Additional sites for mfg, logistics, research, etc.
- Retention of talent from area universities
- Support other Mfg's using big data and deploying AI

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Conclusion-Play the Hand Your Dealt

- Need for low direct jobs aligns with labor market
- PILOT's or Service pmts can share the revenue with communities
- Land price wins over landowners, PILOT's wins over zoning
- As communities earn revenue they need less from their county, the State of Ohio, and JobsOhio
- Attraction continues Ohio growth and reputation

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JobsOhio Support Needed

- Data Center Sales Tax Exemption
- Mega-Project Designation
- FirstEnergy & AEP Collaboration
- Grid Connection Support – PJM & FERC
- Ohio Power Siting Board Collaboration