

# MONTANA

## INNOVATIVE BY *NATURE*

### FDI INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT MANUFACTURING

Traditional refineries, metal fabricators, and timber and food processors are joined by next-generation aerospace, photonics, and outdoor gear manufacturers as well as craft brewers in Montana. Montana's manufacturers are agile, innovative, and supported by local technical talent. Petroleum and coal continue to be the largest manufacturing sectors in the state, followed by food and beverage manufacturing, and wood manufacturing, tapping into Montana's vast natural resources. Long a source of best-in-class agricultural commodities, Montana is now seen as an ideal location for select food processing operations for pulse crops, beef and organic crops. Additionally, Montana's annual hemp production represents an interesting area of manufacturing growth as this versatile crop has numerous industrial and consumer markets.

Montana's northwestern location, bordering three Canadian provinces and within striking distance of the West Coast, makes the state a highly desirable location for manufacturers looking to serve the Canadian marketplace or West Coast locations, while benefiting from lower costs on real estate, energy, labor and more. Montana's railroad system includes approximately 3,376 miles of track owned by Class I, Class II, and Class III railroads, allowing for economical transport of hard goods entering and leaving the state. Roadways in Montana are some of the least crowded in the nation enabling the efficient movement of billions of dollars of goods across our scenic state. Southwestern Montana is home to the Port of Montana, a full-service transload warehouse and storage facility as well as the only Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) General Purpose Warehouse within a five-state radius in the Rocky Mountain region.



# MANUFACTURING

## CASE STUDY: ADF GROUP, INC



ADF Group, Inc. is recognized for the fabrication of steel superstructures with a high level of architectural and geometric complexity and projects subject to fast-track schedules such as football stadiums and airports.

A pioneer in the development and implementation of innovative solutions in engineering expertise, project management, and important fabrication capacity, ADF is strategically located to serve and transport structures and supplies to numerous US states, Canada, and Mexico.



“Our expansion project has been very well received by Great Falls and Montana authorities. We are particularly pleased with the collaboration and support we received from local representatives toward the achievement of our investment project, which will contribute to the economic development of this beautiful region.”  
-Jean Paschini, CEO, ADF Group, Inc.

HOME COUNTRY Canada  
MONTANA HOME Great Falls  
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## DISCOVER WHAT MANY OTHERS ALREADY HAVE ABOUT MONTANA

- Top five state for shortest average commute time
- No general sales tax, creating one of the best business tax climates in the nation
- Top ten state to start a small business
- Highly trained, loyal workforce keeps recruitment costs low
- Consistently ranked one of the best states to live in



## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**5,000+** manufacturers make their home in Montana, supporting over

**22,700** direct jobs

Montana manufacturing employment, & output growth has been almost

**2x** the national average

**#3**

in craft breweries per capita

**25** Opportunity Zones across Montana allow for maximum ROI

**#5** ranking in business tax climate

**800** developable acres in the Port of Montana Foreign Trade Zone