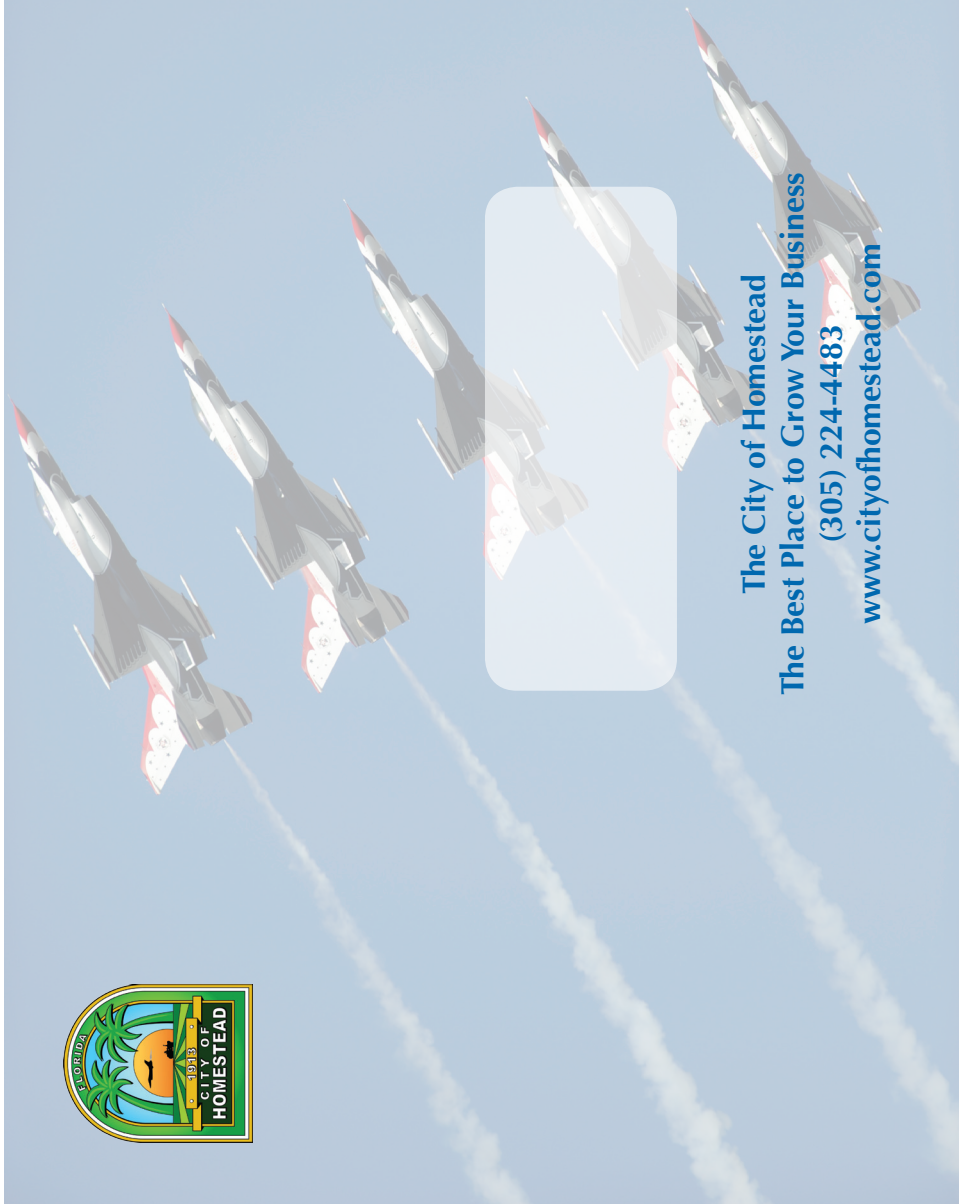




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We invite you to learn about Homestead, Florida and discover how our premier city is the best place for you to grow, expand or relocate your business.

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The Historic Lily Lawrence Bow library is home to the Homestead CRA and our Economic Development Team

Welcome to Homestead

We are excited to welcome you to Homestead, Florida. Homestead is a beautiful place to live, work and play with a quality of life that is unparalleled. Our city is ideally located between Miami and the Florida Keys providing your business with easy access to two growing markets. Homestead is conveniently located just a short drive from Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami – making logistics and travel a breeze. We have a wealth of affordable, undeveloped land and commercial sites making Homestead an ideal location for you to grow or expand your business. Our City boasts a diverse and well-educated workforce, as well as both high quality colleges and technical programs.

Here in Homestead you have a partner in the City of Homestead's Economic Development office to guide you as you plan to start-up, expand, or relocate your business in Homestead. Our Economic Development team can help you navigate legal and regulatory requirements in order to thrive as a member of our vibrant business community. We provide business support services free of charge for every Homestead business and for businesses that are considering moving to Homestead. We constantly strive to provide the most useful tools and data sources. We are here to help you grow your business.

For more information, please contact our Economic Development office at (305) 224-4483 or visit our website at www.cityofhomestead.com.



The Port of Miami is easy to access from Homestead

Homestead: All of the Logistical Advantages of Miami – Without the Traffic and Congestion

It is easy to access Homestead by the Florida Turnpike and US 1. Homestead is a short thirty-minute drive from Miami to the north and to the Florida Keys to the south. This South Dade location is against the main flow of traffic, which makes commuting and transport quicker, easier and less stressful. Many buildings in Homestead have rail access, and the city is close to a regional airport, an international airport and a seaport.

Miami International Airport

Miami International Airport (MIA) is a thirty-minute drive (31 miles from the City center) from Homestead, and is one of the leading international passenger and freight airports in the world. Additionally, Miami International Airport is the largest United States gateway for Latin America and the Caribbean. Both travel and shipping at Miami International Airport are world-class, and are sure to meet your travel and logistic needs.

Port of Miami

The Port of Miami is the Cargo Gateway of the Americas and is located just 32 miles from Homestead. The world's leading cargo companies call at the Port of Miami and these companies ship to over 100 countries and 250 ports. Additionally, some of the world's largest cruise ships berth at the Port of Miami. The Port of Miami can serve both your business and your recreation needs.

Homestead General Aviation Airport

For easy access and no landing fees, Homestead General Aviation Airport (X51) is a great choice for business aircraft and recreation. At only three miles from the City center, the airport is very easy to access. The airport features two paved and lighted runways, an Ultralight turf runway, Aerobatic box and Skydive drop zone.



The Development Services team welcomes new businesses and simplifies the development process

Homestead is Business Friendly

The City of Homestead is committed to ensuring the success of new and existing business in the city, and we can't wait to help you relocate or start your business in Homestead. Florida is consistently ranked as one of the top pro-business states in the country for a number of excellent reasons:

- Homestead has fair, clear, and predictable codes and review processes.
- Florida has a low corporate income tax rate and no personal income tax.
- Florida is one of only a few "right to work" states in the United States.
- Homestead offers highly competitive costs of doing business.
- The Homestead tax system clearly provides a business-friendly environment and offers new and existing businesses many different incentives.
- The sales tax in Homestead is only 7%.

Incentives

Homestead offers a variety of incentives for your expanding or relocating business. There are a number of state and local incentives that businesses may be eligible for depending on their location, type of business and the number of jobs that their business creates.

Please reach out to Homestead's Economic Development team if you have any questions or need any additional information. You can reach the City of Homestead Economic Development Team at (305) 224-4483.

Choose Homestead

Ideal for Life and Work

Homestead is a beautiful place to live and work. In our city, sunny days are the norm and the average temperature is 75 degrees. Few places in the nation boast such an ideal environment to live, work and recreate. Nestled between two of our nation's most serene and beautiful national parks, Homestead offers a wealth of fishing, boating, hiking, biking and diving opportunities for our residents. Miami, one of the country's most vibrant and culturally rich cities, is only thirty miles north of Homestead. Home to world-class cuisine, three professional sports teams and an exciting nightlife, Miami is only a short drive away. Additionally, Homestead is home to Homestead Hospital, a Baptist Health hospital that offers state-of-the-art health care for your family and your employees.

Recreation

Homestead is adjacent to two national parks. Ten miles west of Homestead is a wealth of natural beauty: Everglades National Park. The Everglades are home to vast mangrove forests and watery sawgrass plains. The Everglades are truly a sub-tropical wilderness that shelters alligators, ibis, eagles, manatees, and panthers. Biscayne National Park is located east of Homestead and encompasses Biscayne Bay, beautiful barrier islands and coral reefs. Just south of the city are the Florida Keys with an abundance of recreational activities.

Hometown Atmosphere

The hometown atmosphere in Homestead that welcomes visitors comes from a community that is proud of the ongoing accomplishments that make the City of Homestead a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family. The City of Homestead offers a unique small-town atmosphere with all the amenities of a big city. Welcome to Homestead: truly a great place to live and work!



The natural beauty of Everglades National Park provides a variety of recreational options for residents and visitors



FPL, the largest electric utility in Florida, calls Homestead home

Affordable Sites, Reliable Utilities and High-Speed Access

Homestead and the South Dade area boast the only remaining undeveloped land in the county, making the area a prime location for new and expanding businesses. Homestead has a variety of affordable sites available for lease or purchase, including a 280-acre, build-to-suit Park of Commerce. Homestead also features a 1,000 acre Foreign Trade Zone that encompasses the Park of Commerce and adjacent lands. Businesses that locate in this area will be able to operate outside of the country's commerce for customs purposes.

High Speed Access

Homestead features state of the art infrastructure that will allow your business to be well connected. With a high-speed fiber optic network and wireless towers and satellite sites in the City core, your business will be able to do business effectively and efficiently.

Reliable Utilities

The City owns and operates a state-of-the-art utility to serve your home and business, and provide you with affordable and reliable power and water. The area is also home to FPL's Turkey Point Power Plant so you can be confident that your home and business will always have access to the affordable energy that you need.



Homestead Energy Services provides affordable and reliable service

A Top-Notch Workforce

Homestead is home to a top-notch workforce with over 60,000 City residents and an additional 400,000 people within a twenty-minute commute.

College and Training Programs

The City of Homestead is home to Miami Dade College, a 5,000-student college with a variety of undergraduate programs including a world-class aviation-training program. Our Historic Downtown is also home to a premium medical training school, Dade Medical College. Homestead is also in close proximity to two nationally ranked universities with high quality undergraduate and graduate programs: Florida International University and the University of Miami.



Homestead boasts a high-quality workforce and a variety of higher education institutions

Military-Trained Personnel

Homestead is home to thousands of retired veterans who are still early-to-mid career and can bring their expertise to your business. These veterans as well as the many reservists in Homestead provide a deep pool of management and technical expertise to the community and can help take your business to the next level.

Workforce Bolstered by Right-to-Work

Employers and employees in Florida are constitutionally protected by the right-to-work regardless of membership or non-membership in a labor organization.



Our military personnel and veterans can bring both technical knowledge and management skills to your business