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## **Manchester, NH Director of Economic Development's message**

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Dear New England Real Estate Journal Readers:

The city of Manchester is well positioned to build upon its history of growth and innovation to meet the challenges of the 21st century global economy. Nowhere is this more apparent than in our historic Millyard. Once the largest textile manufacturing center in the world, the revitalized Millyard is now home to a diverse array of businesses including high tech firms such as Autodesk and Texas Instruments, higher educational institutions including the University of New Hampshire Manchester, several leading engineering and design firms and a variety of other businesses and industries.

The Queen City's status as the largest city in northern New England and the business and financial capital of New Hampshire is particularly evident in our dynamic downtown. Premier business addresses in the heart of the central business district house several of the state's largest banks, law firms and other business, professional and financial services establishments. At the street level, numerous restaurants and retail stores give the city a vibrant urban feel. Overall, Manchester provides about 7 million s/f of office space, more than twice that of any other city in New Hampshire, and over 5 million s/f of retail space.

Though Manchester has come a long way from its industrial roots, manufacturing still remains a cornerstone of the city's economy. The city provides close to 9 million s/f of industrial space supporting such well known firms as Osram-Sylvania and Velcro USA. In recent years, healthcare has emerged as city's largest employer. Other key industries include communications, software development and IT.

In addition to its role as a business center, Manchester has emerged as a major entertainment destination. The historic Palace Theatre provides diverse offerings of professional theater, opera, concerts and comedy shows. The 10,000-seat Verizon Wireless Arena is home to professional hockey and arena football and serves as a venue for major concert performances and other attractions. Our most recent addition, MerchantsAuto.com Stadium, is home to the AA New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

The Manchester Economic Development Office invites you to learn more about our city. Contact us by visiting our website at [www.YourManchesterNH.com](http://www.YourManchesterNH.com) or by calling (603) 624-6505. Our team is ready to help you achieve your business, investment and development goals.

Sincerely,  
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