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## **Manchester offers more than just a high quality of life and low taxes**

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In addition to its focus on offering premier office, R&D, industrial and retail space in a business-friendly tax climate, community leaders in Manchester have spent the past decade improving the city's infrastructure and developing new engines to grow the local economy. From a thriving regional airport to a world-class concert venue, Manchester's amenities reflect the city's success at keeping the economy dynamic and growing while maintaining a high quality of life in a low-tax environment.

### Manchester-Boston Regional Airport

The Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) is located about 50 miles north of Boston and less than an hour's drive from the region's popular ski areas, scenic beaches and world famous lakes. Easy access, competitive airfares, affordable parking and a growing schedule of non-stop and direct service make Manchester a convenient alternative for the greater Boston area and all of New England.

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport is served by Air Canada, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United, US Air and Southwest Airlines with nonstop service to destinations such as Las Vegas, Phoenix and Orlando. The Airport serves about 4 million passengers per year and handles 200 million pounds of cargo.

The Manchester-Boston Regional Airport is one of Manchester's most important assets allowing business travelers to reach vendors, clients and partners anywhere in the world while remaining anchored in the businesses friendly city.

### Sports and Entertainment

The 10,000-seat Verizon Wireless Arena is one of the top five performing arenas of its size in the world. The Manchester Monarchs, AHL hockey affiliate of the LA Kings, and the Arena2 Football team, the Manchester Wolves, both call the arena home. In addition to sporting events, the Verizon's stage has recently showcased such top-notch performers as Elton John, Aerosmith, Justin Timberlake and Toby Keith.

Completed in 2001, the arena was built to attract visitors and stimulate downtown redevelopment. There are now over 100 restaurants in the downtown area, and several retail stores, including boutiques, jewelers and gift shops have taken hold.

Building on the success of the arena, the city developed a new riverfront stadium in 2004 to house the AA affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. Together, these sports and entertainment destinations draw over one million visitors to downtown Manchester each year. By day, downtown Manchester is the business and financial capital of northern New England; by

night, it has been transformed into a sports, entertainment and dining destination.

Second Most Tax-Friendly City in the Nation

Kiplinger.com this month named Manchester second on its top ten list of the most Tax-Friendly Cities in the Nation. New Hampshire's tax burden is one of the lowest in the US due to its lack of state sales, income, use, inventory, capital gains or professional services taxes.

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