

## WORKFORCE QUALITY

*Educated. Reliable. Inventive and industrious. This is Minnesota's workforce.*

### TOP OF THE CLASS – MINNESOTA'S NUMBER ONE RANKINGS

- Minnesota ranked #1 for people 25 years and older with a high school diploma. (2009)
- Minnesota boasts a consistently high labor force participation rate, with the latest rankings placing the state at #1 with 73.5%. (2006)
- Minnesota ranked #1 per capita in the U.S. for the number of medical technology jobs in 2007.

### HIGH HONORS

- Quality Counts 2007 ranked the state 3<sup>rd</sup> in lifelong education, based on parent education, parental employment, preschool enrollment, elementary reading, and high school graduation rates.
- Minnesota ranks 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation for the percentage of graduate level science and engineering students and 16<sup>th</sup> in doctoral scientists.
- Milken Institute ranks Minnesota 12<sup>th</sup> in its Technology and Science Work Force Composite Index, which measures 18 factors including the percentage of biomedical engineers; Minnesota ranks third in this category.
- The University of Minnesota ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in industrial outreach and 9<sup>th</sup> in nanotechnology research with more than 500 research partnerships and industrial revenues of nearly \$20 million. The University also ranks in the top 10 globally in several biotechnology transfer and commercialization categories.

Minnesota boasts 19  
Fortune 500 companies,  
the second highest  
nationwide per capita.

Minnesota's medical technology industry employment:

- Increased 43 percent between 1994 and 2004 to over 23,800 people.
- Had a concentration of employment over 3 times the nation's.
- Ranks second only to California in the medical device industry.

*(Source: DEED, State of Minnesota)*

### HUMAN RESOURCES ABOUND

With a central location between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Rochester—and Mayo Clinic, IBM, and the University of Minnesota—companies at Elk Run focused on research, testing, validation, and commercialization will appreciate the ease of accessibility to committed, experienced, and effective talent.

Our strategic relationships with Mayo Clinic and IBM provide tenants with clear and more direct lines to key players and resources in many areas of interest: from Mayo Clinic's world-renowned researchers in the **individualized medicine** field to the Clinic's hundreds-of-thousands of **tissue samples** to IBM's **green technology infrastructure** and **supercomputing** capabilities.

Additionally, Elk Run and nearly 600 other member organizations rely on LifeScience Alley®, a Minnesota-based trade association that provides access to industry leaders, opportunities to build business through education and networking, insights into current trends, regulations, research, and emerging technologies, and the power of a legislative voice.

Members include Medtronic, Beckman Coulter, Mayo Clinic, Boston Scientific, Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Cargill, and the University of Minnesota, as well as start-ups and firms that specialize in professional services for life science organizations. LifeScience Alley® is an asset for all prospective Elk Run tenants.

There's a direct line between Elk Run and Mayo Clinic, IBM, the University of Minnesota, LifeScience Alley®, and many other resources—and we can help make the connection.