

Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition

Detroit Regional Chamber
Great Lakes Manufacturing Council
Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition
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Initiatives that Relate to MVFC

- Transportation infrastructure development
 - Working with Michigan State University, Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
 - Goal is to become a stronger international inland port
 - Significant logistics and supply chain assets, including geographic position and talent
 - ‘*Open Innovation*’ market diversification



Great Lakes
Manufacturing
Council

Great Lakes Manufacturing Council

To maintain and enhance competitive
position of Great Lakes manufacturing
in a global economy

Characteristics

- Bi-national
 - Eight states
 - Two provinces
- An association of associations
- 501c3
- “The second largest economy in the world”
- Manufacturing & logistics at the core



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Manufacturing Council**

Five Focal Points

- Image
- Innovation
- Workforce/Talent Base
- Logistics & Borders
- Manufacturing policy in US and CA (**NEW**)





Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition

To focus federal actions and policies on the
re-invigoration of the Great Lakes economy



Characteristics

- Thirty metro chambers of commerce among 12 states in the trading region
- 501c6 organizations
- Sprang from individual chambers' work with the Brookings Institution on *The Vital Center* and *The Vital Connection*



Six Focal Points

- Transportation infrastructure policy and funding
- 21st Century borders with Canada
- Innovation
- Immigration
- Great Lakes, Ohio, Mississippi watersheds
- Energy – nuclear and clean coal (**NEW**)

