

TARGETING DATA CENTERS

Springfield is well positioned for growth in the data center sector. With a metro area of nearly half a million people, training programs and tech-business degrees at local educational institutions generate a productive workforce. In addition, Springfield offers an attractive tax climate, low natural disaster risk, significant telecomm capacity, and power rates for mid-sized data centers as low as 4.6 cents per kWh.

DATA CENTER FACILITIES

The Springfield metro area has a number of low-cost real estate options to meet a wide range of data center needs from an underground co-location facility to ideally situated greenfield sites. With land and construction costs in Springfield some of the lowest in the nation, construction of a state-of-the-art data center is possible.

The foremost data center facility in the metro area is Bluebird Underground, Touting 56,500 sq. ft. of space, the data center is located 85-feet below the surface in a highly secure underground mine surrounded by solid limestone which provides protection from natural and even most man-made disasters. The facility features the necessary infrastructure to house mission-critical computer operations within a naturally hardened environment, and power is provided by a looped substation feed with parallel capacity UPS units and two engine generators.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Springfield enjoys a comprehensive suite of communications services provided by AT&T,

Average Electric Rates	
	cost per kWh
Springfield, Missouri	\$0.0710
Indianapolis, Indiana	\$0.0731
Nashville, Tennessee	\$0.0765
Phoenix, Arizona	\$0.0794
Austin, Texas	\$0.0816
Jacksonville, Florida	\$0.0971
Los Angeles, California	\$0.1333

Source: Memphis Rate Survey, 2015



SpringNet Underground has 60,000 sqft of co-location space in Springfield. The “building in a building” concept currently houses several companies with plans to expand.

Sprint, Verizon Business, Qwest, and nontraditional carriers such as SpringNet. These providers actively respond to increasing bandwidth demands with Metro Ethernet, Switched Ethernet, and Wide area Ethernet solutions. Communications services are designed to adapt and grow over time so that companies may take advantage of emerging technologies that will sharpen their competitive edge.

INCENTIVES

Missouri offers several incentive programs which provide saleable, refundable tax credits. Missouri Quality Jobs offers significant benefits for creating jobs paying above the county average wage, and Springfield’s large Enhanced Enterprise Zone provides tax credits and property abatement for new jobs and investment. Springfield offers these and other incentives to companies locating data centers in our community.



A green benefit of being underground is the natural year round air temperature of 60 - 64 degrees Fahrenheit which serves to “naturally” harden the facility and helps provide the ideal computing environment.