



# TRI-STATE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

## A Brief History

In 1993, flooding on the Mississippi River wreaked havoc in the Midwest. As rising water closed bridges, highways, railways and barge traffic, the tri-state area of Northeast Missouri, Southeast Iowa and Western Illinois learned that a common transportation network was the lifeline of their economies.

There is no arguing our tri-state region shares common issues - we have a common workforce, we utilize area educational and healthcare facilities, we exchange goods and services, and we depend on the same river, rail and roads to move products and people in and out of our region.

Born of the need to cultivate working relationships beyond state boundaries, a committee of five organized the first Tri-State Development Summit in 1996.

Eight Summits have taken place since 1996, rotating among the three states and hosting hundreds of leaders, including Governors from all 3 states, U.S. Senators and Congressmen and speakers of national significance.

## Our Mission

To bring together tri-state area leaders to define common issues; to develop an on-going dialogue to effectively address those issues; and to improve the quality of life of the entire tri-state region through economic development activities.

## Our Location

Working together to address common issues gives our tri-state region a powerful advantage. According to the 2010 Census, the 35-county Tri-State Summit region has a population of 682,263 people. That means our united voice represents a population greater than three states and the District of Columbia.

## Join Us

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