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The Center for Regional Economics (CRE) formulates comprehensive strategies to improve regional competitiveness and sustainable gains in prosperity. We use research, analysis, and stakeholder engagement to produce actionable ideas and innovative policy proposals for industry expansion, infrastructure development, and job creation.



AREAS OF FOCUS

Building Better Cities

A more efficient built environment can sustain diverse labor markets, economic mobility, job opportunities, the movement of goods and services, and climate risk mitigation. We promote best practices for sustained economic development and create the frameworks necessary to overcome governance barriers and funding gaps.

Expanding Global Trade

The growth of US exports attracts foreign direct investment in addition to boosting wages, creating jobs, and retaining talent. We provide analysis of trade policy to help entrepreneurs, small businesses, and capital providers navigate the opportunities and challenges presented by globalization.

Supporting Knowledge-Based Growth

By measuring the impact of specific investments, regional economies can build and maintain high-tech and advanced industrial capacities required to remain competitive. We help target investment opportunities by developing metro- and state-level indexes and conducting industry-specific analysis.

POLICY TOOLS

California Policy Summit

Each year, CRE convenes key stakeholders in Sacramento to propose solutions to the state's regional challenges. It is a premier forum for strengthening California's global leadership position and distilling lessons applicable beyond state borders.

Policy Lab

CRE promotes connectivity by engaging financial institutions, community leaders, and policymakers to discuss proposals for place-based investment through a regional economic development accelerator.

Research

CRE regularly publishes the Best-Performing Cities Index and State Technology and Science Index. These reports analyze key metrics of employment, wages, and high-tech development and offer recommendations to regional leaders in large and small metropolitan areas.

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OUR STORY

The Milken Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank. We catalyze practical, scalable solutions to global challenges by connecting human, financial, and educational resources to those who need them.

We leverage the expertise and insight gained through research and the convening of top experts, innovators, and influencers from different backgrounds and

competing viewpoints to construct programs and policy initiatives. Our goal is to help people build meaningful lives, in which they can experience health and well-being, pursue effective education and gainful employment, and access the resources required to create ever-expanding opportunities for themselves and their broader communities.

