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economic development
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East Meath is the coastal part of Meath that stretches to the Irish Sea. The principal features of this area are the M1 motorway and the railway line which both connect Dublin to Belfast, the two largest conurbations in Ireland.

The administrative centre of this area is the town of Duleek and it also includes the picturesque villages of Donore, Julianstown, Gormanstown and Stamullen which adjoin the motorway. Along the attractive sandy coastline lie the villages of Laytown and Bettystown.

This area has seen an expansion in its population which now stands at over 33,000 and growing. In addition, it has a significant population of nearly 1.5 million people within a catchment area of a 45 minute drive time.

Business & Industry

East Meath has four key business zones with two located in Meath where it approaches South Drogheda, one at City North and the other in the town of Duleek.

IDA Business & Technology Park is located in Meath where it approaches South Drogheda at junction 9 on the M1 motorway. It is a planned 64 acre landscaped site, designed to include advanced office facilities, technology buildings and greenfield sites to suit both manufacturing and services industries.

Southgate Centre is an office/shopping complex based in the Meath, where it approaches South Drogheda which provides high class office accommodation close to junction 8 on the M1 motorway.

City North Business Campus is an integrated development of the City North Hotel together with a high specification planned Business Park. This development is located at junction 7 on the M1 motorway.

These business zones offer:

- High quality locations
- Ready to Go sites
- Fibre based broadband and telecoms
- Power and Gas
- Water and Waste Water
- Easy access to the national motorway network
- Close to Dublin Airport and Dublin Port

Current businesses located in East Meath include:

Coca-Cola International Services – located at Southgate, provides professional and innovative services, solutions and governance to Coca-Cola operations across 6 continents. The two main operations based at Southgate are the Global Business Services Regional Finance Centre which provides financial and other services for Coca-Cola marketing operations in Europe and Eurasia and CPS Ireland Services, which provides supply chain services in Ireland and across the global system.

International Fund Services (IFS) – located in IDA Business & Technology Park. It is a division of State Street Corporation which provides a complete suite of fund accounting, fund administration and risk services to hedge funds and private equity funds. This is a local branch of Fortune 500 Company.



"The Coca-Cola brand has been in Ireland for more than half a century and our long history here gives us continued confidence in the strength of the Irish workforce, the commitment of the Irish government and the know-how of Irish people to support our business."

Muhtar Kent, Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company

"The move to City North at junction 7 off the M1 Motorway, has allowed us to centralize our administrative and warehouse function in one central location from which we can provide first class service to all of our customers on the island of Ireland... We made this decision primarily as a result of the ease of access to the motorway network."

Vending Services



Transport

East Meath is located on the M1 motorway which connects directly to Dublin, to Dublin Airport and Dublin Port and through the M50 (Dublin Orbital Motorway) with the national motorway network. This area is served by 3 junctions on the M1 motorway, junctions 7, 8 & 9 as follows:
 Junction 7: City North / Stamullen / Gormanstown
 Junction 8: Duleek / Julianstown / Laytown / Bettystown
 Junction 9: IDA Drogheda / South Gate Drogheda /Donore

Time & Distance from East Meath to Dublin Airport and Dublin Port

21 mins - 17 miles to the M50 motorway
 27 mins - 22 miles by the M1 motorway to Dublin Airport
 22 mins - 18 miles by the M1 motorway to Dublin Port

Public transport is provided by the state bus company with scheduled services from the East Meath main towns to Dublin, Drogheda and other routes. In addition, this area has its own Railway station on the Dublin to Belfast railway line at Laytown, which enjoys regular commuter services to Dublin, with main line services to Belfast available at Drogheda Station 15 minutes away.

Population and Labour Availability

This area has experienced exceptional growth in it's population over the past number of years and continues to grow rapidly with 71% growth from 2002 to 2011.

	2002	2006	2011	15 mins drive
East Meath	19,039	27,939	32,720	113,277
Growth Rate		47%	17%	

Analysis of the East Meath population has shown an additional 4.1% in the age range up to 45 years over the general population. This means that this location has a young and growing population which can provide a work force for any new incoming business to the East Meath area.

Skill Sets

Most importantly, Meath has a reputation for hard working dedicated people who contribute to the performance of many excellent local businesses. East Meath's growing population can provide a well-educated, highly skilled workforce in a range of disciplines to support any business expansion. These can provide the necessary skills to support any new operation setting up locally. The following are the range of skill sets which are available within 45 minutes of the area.

(See Appendix 1, for details of these figures)

Finance & Administration	100,143
Management	65,559
Legal, Statistical & Insurance	20,715
Computer Software	25,377
Technical	44,578
Scientific	16,090

Language Sets

Multinational companies operate on a global basis and require staff with multilingual languages skills to support their operations. East Meath has a wide range of nationalities living locally and can offer more than 37 languages spoken as mother tongue within its catchment area.

(See Appendix 2, for details of these figures)





Hotels

City North Hotel – located at junction 7 on the M1 motorway, has conference rooms for up to 650 delegates and a wide range of facilities for business users.



Retail

East Meath has four principal retail areas with Department stores in the Drogheda Retail Park, the Southgate Shopping Centre and local shopping available in Duleek and Bettystown.

In addition, this area boasts some excellent restaurants and coffee shops, providing a diverse range of culinary experiences.



Education

East Meath has excellent education facilities. There are 14 crèches & playschools, 6 Primary Schools and 2 Secondary Schools located in the area.

5 major third level facilities within 45 Minutes of East Meath

Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)	37 minutes
Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT)	40 minutes
Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB)	40 minutes
Dublin City University (DCU)	43 minutes
Trinity College Dublin (TCD)	45 minutes

Health Services

East Meath has a good range of healthcare facilities and services available locally with two hospitals within a 30 minute radius of the area. Duleek Health Centre and Laytown Health Care Unit provide a range of outreach healthcare services for the local area. Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda is located 6 miles and 14 minutes away from East Meath. It is a major teaching hospital and provides acute medical and surgical services as well as maternity services. The hospital has 340 beds. The Navan General Hospital is located 18 miles and 30 minutes away from East Meath. The hospital provides a wide range of services and has 172 beds. It is part of the Louth/Meath Hospital Group and provides a general acute hospital service to the catchment area of Meath and an Orthopaedic service to the region as a whole.

The area also has the following services (East Meath and Drogheda):

- General Practitioners - 26 Practices
- Dentists - 18 Practices
- Physiotherapists - 9 Practices
- There are 3 Stations for An Garda Síochána (Police)
- Drogheda Fire Brigade Station



Leisure, Entertainment & Sports

East Meath is a vibrant and fast growing part of the county which can offer great entertainment and leisure facilities for all the family.

The East Meath offers two beautiful beaches in Laytown and Bettystown and good range of things to do and to see from festivals to historic sites. One of the most famous sites is the Battle of Boyne site at Oldbridge House with the battlesite, parklands and the formal gardens. There are impressive megalithic tombs and passage graves at Newgrange, Dowth and Knowth. Also there are large festival events including the world famous open air rock concert at Slane.

Bettystown as a major seaside resort offers a full range of attractions and things to do for a family day out. There are a wide range of sports clubs and tourism facilities throughout the area. Golf is well catered for with 3 clubs in the area; Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club, Bellewstown Golf Club and Julianstown Golf Club. The Laytown Races is a unique event and every year it is home to the only official strand horse races in Europe.



So what can we offer your business?

- Ireland's competitive Tax rate of 12.5%
- Ireland has 60 double taxation agreements with other countries
- First Class Services in Power, Gas and Fibre
- Close to the centre of the National Motorway Network
- Fast access to Dublin Airport & Dublin port
- Industrial and Office Units
- Ready to go commercial sites
- Excellent skilled educated workforce locally
- Many foreign languages spoken locally
- 5 third level facilities within easy reach
- Excellent hotel and conference facilities
- Great quality of life

East Meath can provide the location, the people, the skills, the languages and the services that can offer you an excellent place for your business.

Talk to us today about moving your business to East Meath.

Appendix 1

Selected Occupations within 45 minutes of East Meath

Finance & Administration	100,143	Computer Software	25,377
Management Accountants	14,005	Computer System Managers	6,986
Accounts and Clerks etc.	14,699	Software Engineers	6,266
Credit Controllers	2,037	Programmers & Analyst	10,075
Industrial Relations Officers etc.	2,626	Operators	2,050
Cashier and Bank & Clerks	13,380		
Secretaries	12,270	Technical Trades	44,578
Receptionists	6,572	Electrical Trades	14,628
Library or other Clerk	34,554	Engineering Trades	23,281
		Chemical, Paper, Trades	6,332
Management	65,559	Boiler & Energy Trades	337
General Managers	8,075		
Production Managers	8,208	Scientific & Technical	16,090
Financial Managers	4,172	Chemists	619
Marketing Managers	16,309	Biologists	1,821
Purchasing Managers	943	Physicists & Natural Scientists	357
Transport Managers	1,454	Electrical & Electronic Engineers	2,162
Other Managers	26,398	Civil & Mechanical Engineers	2,528
		Design Developers	494
Legal, Statistical & Insurance	20,715	Technicians	710
Barristers and Solicitors	5,829	Other	7,399
Actuaries, Economists	4,503		
Legal Service & related occupations	1,365		
Underwriters & Brokers	9,018		

(Based on analysis of latest Census Data of Occupations for persons aged 18-65 years, provided by the Central Statistics Office)

Appendix 2

Selected Language Skills within 45 minutes of East Meath

English	850,181
Polish	21,707
Lithuanian	9,432
Mandarin	7,791
Nigerian	6,647
Filipino	5,291
Romanian	5,131
Spanish	4,854
Latvian	4,829
French	4,824
Indian Languages	4,801
German	3,925
Italian	3,882
Slovak	3,086
Czech	2,055
Russian	1,839
Malay	1,571
Dutch	1,546
Portuguese	1,494
Hungarian	1,449
Ukrainian	1,354
Swedish	996
Estonian	790
Finnish	536
Bulgarian	428
Danish	366
South African Languages	2,219
Other European Languages	3,599
Other Asian Languages	4,862
Other African Languages	6,040
Multiple Languages	15,877

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