

APPENDIX E

San Diego Area

San Diego was founded in 1769 as the first of 21 California missions. It is currently the eighth largest city in the United States and the second largest city in California with a population of over 1.3 million. The County of San Diego has a population of over 3 million. The three major industries in the county are Defense, Manufacturing (high technology, electronics), and Tourism. San Diego is the site of one of the largest naval fleets in the world. In addition, San Diego's economy focuses on several main industry clusters, consisting of agriculture, biotechnology/biosciences, computer sciences, electronics manufacturing, defense-related manufacturing, financial and business services, ship-repair and construction, software development, and telecommunications.

San Diego features a matchless climate and spectacular scenic vistas. San Diegans enjoy mild, mostly dry weather with an average of 201 days above 70°F. The average high temperature is 71 degrees Fahrenheit, with the high and low differences in temperature averaging 14 degrees the year round. San Diego County has approximately 70 miles of beaches along the Pacific Ocean, numerous golf courses, and mountains and deserts within an hour drive. Major tourist attractions include the world famous San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park, SeaWorld, Legoland, Balboa Park, a variety of historic museums, and Old Town National Historic Park. San Diego also features the following major league sports activities: football, baseball, soccer, and horse racing. Camping, picnicking, hiking, riding, and fishing are readily available in numerous scenic parks throughout the surrounding countryside. Tijuana, Mexico is a 30-minute drive to the south of City Center and provides ample opportunity for shopping and colorful nightlife.

San Diego has four major universities and several private and junior colleges. It also has a heavy concentration of scientific research institutions and medical centers. These include the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, Gulf General Atomic, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundations, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Western Behavioral Sciences Institute, the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and the Naval Regional Medical Center.

Finally, San Diego County is a rich socio-cultural environment with 45% Whites, 28% Hispanics, 16% Asian/Pacific Islander, 7% Blacks, and 4% Native Americans and others.