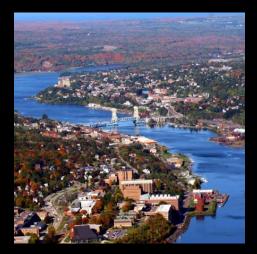
# Appendix







# FinnZone











### U.P. Lifestyle



- Centrally located in U.S.
- Year-round sporting / outdoor enjoyment.
- Houghton named "One of Top 50 best small towns in U.S."



#### The Upper Peninsula: Finnish-American Culture



FinnZone Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylJULSBtbnQ

Upper Peninsula of Michigan Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQJjO5gmEsc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1ihRw0fX-g

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjFCiAPw2j0&app= desktop

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzxElvBUjEg&featur e=share

Michigan Bioeconomy Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTPFTzkz0cM

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## FinnZone Programs & Courses

### älykäs alku (Smart Start)

- Program to help Finnish SME's assess North America market and make decision on entry, beginning in Michigan.
- Finnish SME's provided a US-based mentor.
- Topics include market analysis and assessment, customer discovery, business formation, taxation and legal considerations, more.
- Program Schedule over 2 months, 5 sessions, 1-2 hours each.
- Preferred SME Profile: <u>From 2 to 8 employees</u>; Angel or seed investor funding and/or initial customers/revenue.
- Application Process.



## FinnZone Programs & Courses , Cont'd

#### Kasvuyritykset "Kasvu" (Growth Companies)

- One-on-one advising for Finnish companies ready to expand into North America, beginning in Michigan.
- Tailored service, based on specific needs of the company:
  - Market analysis, business formation/legal, marketing, strategic partners, office/production space, customers, employees, financing & grants, pilots.
- Preferred SME Profile: From 10 to 100 employees, received investment and/or has strong sales/revenues in Finland, and may be already located in multiple countries.



### Michigan - Opportunity



### Тор 10

Michigan's business climate is ranked among the top 10 in the nation.

### 4th lowest

Michigan's cost of living is the fourth lowest nationally and is 11% below the national average.

#### 133,000

total engineers call Michigan home — the highest concentration in the U.S.

### 500 miles

Michigan is within 500 miles of nearly half the U.S. and Canadian population and commerce centers, providing unparalleled access to market.



## **Michigan Tech University**

#### **Major Research Institutes and Centers**

- •Advanced Power Systems Research Center (APSRC)
- •Center for Agile and Interconnected Microgrids (AIM)
- •Center for Technology & Training (CTT)
- Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences Institute (EPSSI)
- Ecosystem Science Center (ESC)
- Great Lakes Research Center (GLRC)
- •Institute of Computing and Cybersystems (ICC)
- •Institute of Materials Processing (IMP)
- •Keweenaw Research Center (KRC)
- Michigan Tech Aerospace Engineering Research Center (MARC)
- Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI)
- Michigan Tech Transportation Institute (MTTI)
- Multi-Scale Technologies Institute (MuSTI)
- Pre-College Innovative Outreach Institute (PIOI)
- •Research and Innovation in STEM Education Institute (RISE)
- •Sustainable Futures Institute (SFI)
- •The Elizabeth and Richard Henes Center for Quantum Phenomena (CQP)





Michigan Tech University - Over 7,000 Students



# Opportunities for Finnish Companies & Investors

- Igloo Resorts
- Resort Hotel for ski resort, Mount Bohemia
- Waterfront Development
- Instruments
- Machinery
- Software
- High-Tech & Advanced Manufacturing
- Finnish Design & Construction of Homes & Log Houses
- Tourism Companies to create programs and offerings (like Lapland )
- Huskies Sled Rides; Reindeer Herding
- Finnish Restaurants, Fashion, Furniture
- CleanTech & AgTech

- Smart Energy
- Biobased and Circular economy products
- Forestry equipment and products
- Finnish Schools to teach local Finnish-Americans in Finnish language
- Public Saunas & Sauna Equipment
- Nordic lifestyle products and services
- Electric Snowmobiles & Mobility
- Slaughterhouse and meat processing
- Fish Farms
- Copper Mining; Metal Products
- Maritime Shipping and Boat or Ship building



