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## THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE PITTSBURGH REGION

### Business

- The United Kingdom is the second largest foreign investor in the Pittsburgh region; 60 UK-owned companies operate some 250 establishments employing 7,000+ people.
- The region is a popular destination for UK companies to establish North American or U.S. headquarters operations; 16 companies maintain such facilities, including Eutechnyx, GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Goodfellow Corporation, Jencons Scientific, Merlin 360, Rexam Plc. (Precise Technologies), Shape Technologies and TFH.
- Citizen's Bank, owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland, has a regional headquarters and a strong presence here.
- In recent years, UK-based companies have made significant Pittsburgh regional investments:
  - Steelite International and Goodfellow both announced plans to relocate their North American headquarters to the region (2006).
  - Farfield Scientific chose Pittsburgh to host its U.S. headquarters in support of its East Coast subsidiary, SciPartners (2006).
  - Eutechnyx, an award-winning video games developer, chose Pittsburgh for its U.S. hub (2008).
- The UK is also an important market for Pittsburgh businesses, from manufacturers (Alcoa, Allegheny Technologies, Heinz, PPG and Kennametal) to information technology companies (Ansoft, Black Box and iGate) and life sciences companies (MEDRAD and Philips Respironics).
- The UK values our intellectual capital:
  - Vesuvius and Lamination Technologies both operate major R&D centers here.
  - Technology companies such as Merlin 360 cite renowned universities as a major factor in deciding to locate here.
- Pittsburgh is home to one of the strongest of the 26 chapters of the British-American Business Council, a network of businesses and organizations promoting trade between the UK and U.S.



### Culture

- Pittsburgh derives its name from William Pitt the Elder, British Prime Minister from 1766-1768, underscoring close historical ties between the region and the UK. Nearly 15% of the region's residents claim British ancestry.
- In 2003, HRH Prince Andrew the Duke of York recognized the University of Pittsburgh as a Marshall Center of Excellence, noting its unparalleled record of achievement in producing Marshall Scholars.
- Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University is the only university in the country offering a degree in bagpipe music. The school's Pipe Band features the sounds of Scottish bagpipes and performs at formal university events. Head of the Pipe Band is world champion piper Alasdair Gillies, formerly a highly decorated pipe major in the British Army.
- In 1908, steel magnate and Pittsburgh's most famous Scottish born resident, Andrew Carnegie, established the Carnegie Hero Trust Fund in Britain, which recognizes the heroism of ordinary individuals who risk their lives for the sake of fellow citizens. It provides monetary support to these individuals and their families.
- English, Scottish and Welsh are among the 27 cultures represented in the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. The largest of all the nationality rooms, the English room contains more artifacts from the pre-World War II London House of Commons than any other site in the world (including the current London House of Commons).

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