

EXHIBIT C

TARGETED INDUSTRIES

FY2026

GPEC and our member communities have identified targeted industries on a local and regional level, incorporating these industries into a regional economic development plan. For fiscal year 2026, GPEC will continue its emphasis on the following: Advanced Business Services; Aerospace & Defense; Battery & Energy Storage; Emerging Technologies; Healthcare and Biomedical; Manufacturing & Logistics; Mission Critical Operations; Semiconductor Ecosystem; and Software.

Member communities will target the following:

Apache Junction

Corporate/Regional Headquarters, Advanced Manufacturing, Standard Manufacturing, Healthcare, Mining (Supplies & Services), R&D, and Hospitality/Entertainment

Avondale

Healthcare; hospitality/tourism; manufacturing & logistics, technology; retail & entertainment; and technology

Buckeye

Advanced Manufacturing, Energy, Distribution & Logistics, Mission Critical, Retail, Entertainment & Hospitality, Healthcare, Aviation, Entrepreneurship, and Higher Education.

Casa Grande

Advanced manufacturing; automotive technology; transportation/logistics; healthcare/medical services; aviation/aerospace; and hospitality/entertainment

Chandler

Advanced business services; corporate/regional headquarters; healthcare; advanced manufacturing; software development; aerospace/aviation; automotive technology; and applied research

El Mirage

Business Services; standard and advanced manufacturing; transportation; warehousing/distribution; heavy industrial; food, fiber, and natural products; and aerospace aviation

Fountain Hills

Assembly (small scale), biosciences, financial services, healthcare, hospitality, retail and start ups

Gila Bend

Clean technology (manufacturing/central station generation/R&D); warehousing/transportation/distribution; military supply chain; tourism/hospitality; standard manufacturing; agriculture/agri-biotechnology; food, fiber and natural products; aerospace/aviation; and heavy industrial

Gilbert

Aerospace/aviation and defense; advanced business and professional services; finance and insurance; healthcare and education services; information communication technology; manufacturing; clean and renewable technology; and related corporate/regional headquarters

Glendale

Advanced business services; aerospace, aviation and defense; healthcare and bioscience; manufacturing; technology and innovation

Goodyear

Advanced business services; advanced manufacturing; medical manufacturing; aerospace, aviation and defense; corporate and regional headquarters; entrepreneurial/start-ups; technology; healthcare and biomedical (treatment, medical diagnostics, research & development); and higher education

Maricopa (City)

Advanced industrial manufacturing: semiconductors, automotive, EV manufacturing, high tech, and supply chain; research and development; professional and business services; healthcare services; small business and entrepreneurship; higher education and education technology; agribusiness/agrisciences; and visitor/hospitality commerce.

Mesa

Standard and advanced manufacturing including medical device; research & development; automotive technology and aerospace/aviation/defense; advanced business services; cybersecurity; information technology; healthcare/life sciences; mission critical operations; tourism; regional and corporate centers; and climate tech

Peoria

Advanced business and financial services; aerospace/airport; advanced manufacturing; bioscience and healthcare; technology and innovation; innovation; and research and development

Pinal County

Advanced Manufacturing; Aerospace, Aviation and Defense; Electric Vehicle Technology & Manufacturing; Healthcare; Bio/Life Sciences; Transportation, Distribution & Logistics; Natural and Renewable Resources (Mining, Agriculture, Solar); and Tourism/Hospitality

Phoenix

Biosciences and healthcare; advanced manufacturing; aerospace and defense including advanced air mobility; electric and autonomous vehicles; advanced business services; emerging technologies, FDI and trade; circular economy; and entrepreneurship and innovation

Queen Creek

Advanced Manufacturing; agritainment/destination tourism; healthcare; I.T./software; and business services

Scottsdale

IT services and software; financial and insurance services and technology; healthcare services and innovation; logistics Management; tourism; and corporate headquarters

Surprise

Advanced business services; advanced manufacturing and rail-served industry; corporate/regional headquarters innovation/entrepreneurship/emerging technology; medical, healthcare and life science technologies, services; signature retail; specialty services for global companies/FDI; tourism and hospitality

Tempe

Advanced business services (fintech); IT/software; next generation electronics, semiconductors and their

supply chains; aerospace and defense; biosciences; corporate/regional headquarters; advanced manufacturing; software as a service; sustainable technologies; signature retail & restaurants; hospitality & tourism

Tolleson

E-Commerce/fulfillment centers; resort/tourist-oriented development; expanded retail opportunities; small manufacturers with some related retail and offices

Wickenburg

Resort/tourist-oriented development; healthcare with an emphasis on behavioral health; transportation & distribution; expanded retail opportunities; senior industries, equestrian and rodeo industries

Youngtown

Youngtown is in the throes of developing a commerce park. The park will target second-stage small manufacturers with some related retail and offices.