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COSTA
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COSTA RICAN INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY

#1 IN PRODUCTION PROCESS SOPHISTICATION

#1 IN AVAILABILITY OF ENGINEERS

IN LATIN AMERICA

Costa Rica

A LEADING HIGH-TECH EXPORTER OF INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTS: FROM ELECTRONICS TO ROCKET
PROPULSION AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

250 HIGH-TECH MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES ARE THRIVING IN COSTA RICA



///////// ELECTRONICS:

The Electronics sector is one of the most consolidated clusters in Costa Rica, with operations from electronic semiconductors, electro-medicine and electronic assembly of products to more complex processes such as engineering, design and software development, as well as repair and prototype product testing.



///////// OIL & GAS EQUIPMENT & COMPONENTS:

Costa Rica offers specialized capabilities that cater to the O&G sector's needs: cutting edge precision machining techniques, advanced CNC multifunctional turning centers, vertical machine centers, exotic alloys and materials handling, among others. A strong talent pull is available with +5,400 students trained in Electrical and Metal Mechanics and + 1,500 Technical High School graduates in Electronics and Mechanics in the past few years.



///////// AERONAUTIC, AEROSPACE & MRO/FBO:

Costa Rica fosters a dynamic Aeronautics & Aerospace cluster. Activities like aeronautic software testing & development, cable & harness assembly, repair & redesign, electronic components and metallic parts manufacturing, are being executed by multinational and local companies. Two main international airports in San Jose and Guanacaste with a robust flight volume and an active private jet traffic provide good opportunities for FBO & MRO services.

Costa Rica delivers on a wide range of highly complex and sophisticated production processes:

CAPABILITIES	SERVICES	PROCESSES	MANUFACTURING & ASSEMBLY	DESIGN & ENGINEERING + R&D
ISO 9001:2008 NADCAP Vertical & Horizontal machining centers CNC multifunctional turning centers 4 & 5 axel High tolerance EDMS CATIA Design	Distribution Services Customer Service Inventory Management Finance & Accounting Distribution of Raw Materials and Products	Heat Treatment Die Casting Anodizing Stamping Plating Electro Plating Electro Polishing Powder Coating E-Coating	Components Exotic Alloys (aluminum, lead, stainless steel, bronze, brass, copper) Exotic Materials (Inconel, monel, nitronics) Finished Parts Medical Devices Electronic Assembly	Equipment Testing Software Testing Software Development Product Design & Development Prototype Testing

Costa Rica: the location of choice for *nearshoring & offshoring*

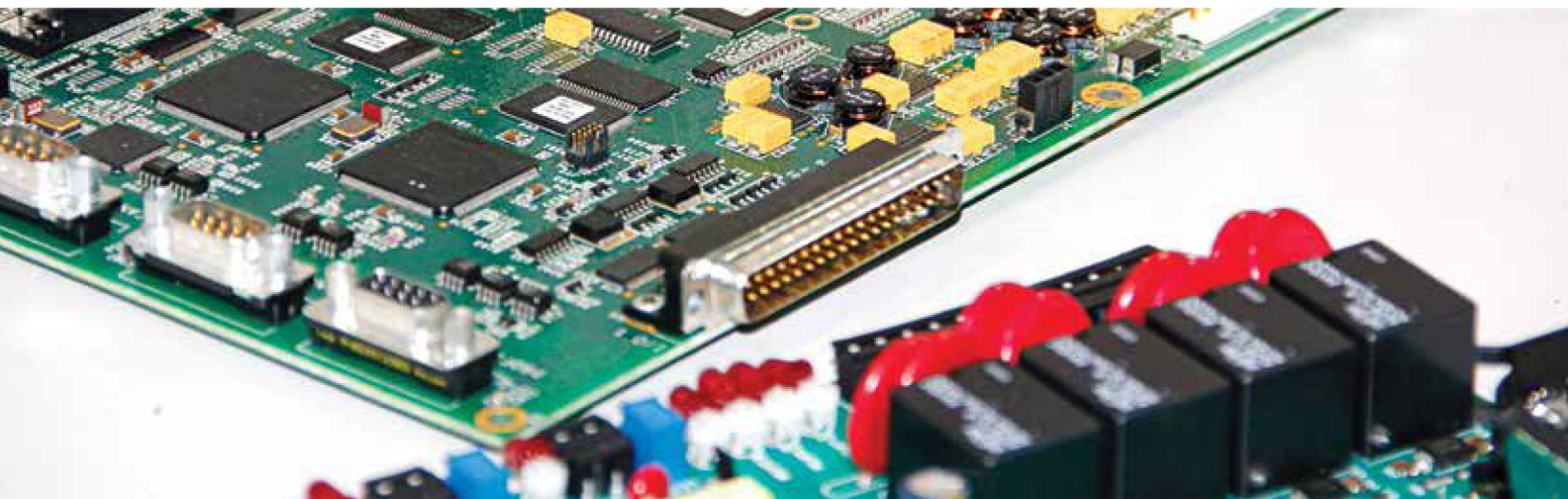
- **Ideal business climate:** ranked "safest country" in Latin America (Latin Business Chronicle, 2014).
- **Preferential access to 2/3 of the Global GPD:** 14 FTAs signed including USA, EU and China.
- **Centric location:** maritime freight time to the US East seaboard is -7 days and -12 days to the West seaboard.
- **720 weekly international flights** to USA, South America and Europe.
- **Online customs procedures** for expedited import and export procedures.
- **State-of-the-art labor force:** +3,000 university graduates in electric & electronics, industrial, mechanical, civil and other engineering in 2014. +1,100 graduates in technical high school industrial programs per year (electro-mechanics, materials, mechanics). +33,000 people trained by the National Learning Institute (INA) on technical skills (industry, graphic industry, trade & services areas).
- **Robust supplier base** of local and international vendors in the country.

THE MOST COMPETITIVE TAX INCENTIVES TO INVEST IN THE REGION

The Free Trade Zone Regime in Costa Rica offers a set of benefits and tax incentives for companies that invest in the country. These are standardized and apply to all businesses according to the nature of their operation. Some incentives include:

- **100% income tax exemption** for manufacturing companies that have invested more than US\$10 million and have 100 employees. Otherwise, they will be granted a preferential 6% income tax rate for 8 years (first 8 years with renewal periods if reinvestment is made)*.
- **100% tax exemption (non-expiring)**: custom duties on imports/exports, withholding tax on royalties, fees, and dividends, interest income, sales tax on local purchases of goods/services, stamp duty.

Learn more about the full list of incentives and conditions* at www.cinde.org



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