

Appendix I

Glossary of Terms

The glossary contains definitions of all key terms used in the report as well as acronyms for agencies referred to in the report.

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Term / Acronym	Definition / Description
2030 Regional Transportation Plan	A plan in which the SANDAG Board of Directors try to meet the San Diego region's long-term mobility needs, to better connect transportation and land use policy decisions, and to create a transportation network that will serve the people of the San Diego region well into the 21st century.
AF	Acre-feet. The volume (as of irrigation water) that would cover one acre to a depth of one foot
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income. An estimate used in calculating personal income tax liability, it is taxable income after adjustments - but before personal exemptions and deductions.
AHA	American Hospital Association
Air Pollution Control Board	The County Board of Supervisors also sits as a supervisory board for the Air Pollution Control District. See APCD.
Aircraft Operations	A landing and a takeoff by an aircraft.
APCD	Air Pollution Control District. A government agency that regulates sources of air pollution in San Diego County.
AQI	Air Quality Index. A measure composed of five major pollutants regulated by the Clean Air Act: ground level ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide.
ATI SD	Advanced Technology Center of San Diego. As part of California's Community College, its mission is to advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through quality education and services.
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis. The BEA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce and is part of the Department's Economics and Statistics Administration. Provides GDP and economic accounts data.
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics. A part of the U.S. Department of Labor, the BLS is the principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government in the broad field of labor economics and statistics.
Bus	A transit mode comprised of rubber tired passenger vehicles operating on fixed routes and schedules over roadways. Vehicles are powered by diesel, gasoline, battery or alternative fuel engines contained within the vehicle.
Capital Outlay	An outlay of money to purchase assets that add to the long-term net worth of a government or entity
Capital Outlays - Air Transport	Outlays of money for the provision, construction and support of airport facilities serving the public (ie: runways, terminals, control towers), and for the regulation of the airline industry. Does not include the purchase or operation of government-owned aircraft.
Capital Outlays - Highways	Outlays of money for the construction of toll and nontoll highways, roads, bridges, ferries, tunnels, streets, and sidewalks; including traffic signals, curbs, railroad crossings, and buildings for highway agencies. Does not include policing of streets and highways, street cleaning, or public parking facilities.
Capital Outlays - Sea & Inland Ports	Outlays of money for the provision, construction, and support of public waterways, harbors, docks, wharves, and related marine terminal facilities (ie: piers, warehouses, cranes), and the regulation of the water transport industry. U.S. totals include activities of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Panama Canal Commission, and most of the Maritime Administration. Does not include recreational facilities for pleasure boaters or facilities for public ferries.
Capital Outlays - Sewerage	Outlays of money for the provision of sanitary and storm sewer systems and sewage disposal and treatment facilities. Does not include storm drains that are parts of highway projects or drainage for agricultural purposes.

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Capital Outlays - Solid Waste	Outlays of money dealing with the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage, refuse, hazardous, and other solid wastes (ie: garbage collection, incinerators, and disposal of abandoned vehicles); and the cleaning of streets, alleys, and sidewalks. Does not include the removal of snow and ice by sanitation agencies.
Capital Outlays - Water Utilities	Outlays of money for the construction of public water supply systems (ie: dams and reservoirs expressly for water supply, purification and filtration plants, pumping stations, aqueducts, storage tanks, and distribution lines). Does not include acquisition or distribution of water for irrigation.
Capital Outlays - Mass Transit	Outlays of money for the construction of public mass transit systems; includes subways, surface rails, buses, stations, tracks, depots, and railyards. Does not include systems used solely to transport students, the handicapped, or senior citizens.
CBIN	California Business Incubation Network
CDL	Construction Defect Litigation. Litigation associated with faulty construction in condominium development.
Clean Air Act	The 1990 Clean Air Act is the most recent version of a law first passed in 1970. Sets limits on air pollution levels, as well as addresses sources of pollution such as autos and consumer products, issues such as acid rain and the ozone layer, and cleanup programs.
Cluster	Groups of complimentary, competing and interdependent industries that drive wealth creation in a region.
Cluster - Biomedical Products	Produces instruments, medical devices, equipment, and other apparatus primarily for consumption by the medical field. Includes the following SIC's: 3821, laboratory apparatus & furniture; 3827, optical instruments & lenses; 3841, surgical and medical instruments; 3842, surgical appliances & supplies; 3844, x-ray apparatus & tubes; 3845, electromedical equipment; and 3851, ophthalmic goods.
Cluster - Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals	Includes sectors engaged in researching, manufacturing, or processing a broad range of biological, chemical, and medical products, as well as medical and industrial chemicals and preparations. Includes the following SIC's: 2819, industrial inorganic chemicals, nec; 2833, medicinals & botanicals; 2834, pharmaceuticals preparations; 2835, diagnostic substances; 2836, biological products excluding diagnostic; 2869, industrial organic chemicals, nec; 2899, chemical preparations; 8731, commercial physical research; 8733, noncommercial research org.; and 8734, testing laboratories.
Cluster - Business Services	Includes sectors that provide a variety of professional services to local business establishments, including management, legal, and personnel supply services. Includes the following SIC's: 2741, miscellaneous publishing; 2752, commercial printing, lithographic; 7311 and 7319, advertising agencies; 7334, photocopying & duplication services; 7361, employment agencies; 7363, help supply services; 7375, information retrieval services; 7376, computer facilities management; 7377, computer rental & leasing; 7389, business services, nec; 8111, legal services; 8712, architectural services; 8720, accounting, auditing, & bookkeeping; 8741, management services; 8742, management consulting services; and 8748, business consulting, nec.

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Cluster - Communications	Includes sectors primarily engaged in researching and manufacturing communications-related products. Also includes sectors that provide point-to-point communications services such as cellular and digital phone and pager services. Includes the following SIC's: 3661, telephone & telegraph apparatus; 3663, radio & TV communications; 3669, communications equipment, nec; 4812, radiotelephone communications; 4813, telephone communications, except radiotelephone; 4899, communications services; 8711, engineering services; and 8731, commercial physical research.
Cluster - Computer and Electronics Manufacturing	Includes sectors that manufacture and assemble electronic components and products. Includes the following SIC's: 3571, electronic computers; 3572, computer storage devices; 3577, computer peripheral equipment, nec; 3629, electrical industrial apparatus, nec; 3651, household audio & video equipment; 3671, electron tubes; 3672, printed circuit boards; 3674, semiconductors & related devices; 3675, electronic capacitors; 3676, electronic resistors; 3677, electronic coils & transformers; 3678, electronic connectors; 3679, electronic components, nec; 3695, magnetic & optical recording media; 3699, electrical equipment & supplies, nec; and 3825, instruments to measure electricity.
Cluster - Defense and Transportation Manufacturing	Includes sectors engaged in manufacturing or assembling aircraft, ships, boats, and defense related products. Includes the following SIC's: 3511, steam engines & turbines; 3721, aircraft; 3724, aircraft engines & engine parts; 3728, aircraft parts & equipment, nec; 3731, ship building & repairing; 3732, boat building & repairing; 3761, guided missiles & space vehicles; 3769, space vehicle equipment; and 3812, search & navigation equipment.
Cluster - Entertainment and Amusement	Includes sectors engaged in arranging and providing amusement, recreation, and entertainment services. Includes the following SIC's: 4830, radio & TV broadcasting stations; 7812, motion picture & video tape production; 7819, services allied to motion picture production; 7922, theatrical producers & services; 7941, sports clubs, managers, & promoters; 7992, public golf courses; 7996, amusement parks; 7999, amusement & recreation, nec; 8412, museums & art galleries; and 8422, botanical & zoological gardens.
Cluster - Environmental Technology	Manufactures products with environmental applications. Includes the following SIC's: 3564, blowers & fans; 3569, general industrial machinery, nec; 3589, service industry machinery, nec; 3823, process control instruments; 3824, fluid meters & counting devices; 3826, analytical instruments; and 3829, measuring & controlling devices, nec.
Cluster - Financial Services	Includes sectors engaged primarily in deposit banking, extending credit in the form of loans, and the exchange of securities and commodities. Includes the following SIC's: 6035, saving institutions, Federally chartered; 6036, saving institutions, not Federally chartered; 6061, credit unions, Federally chartered; 6062, state credit unions; 6091, non-deposit trust facilities; 6099, functions related to deposit banking; 6140, personal credit institutions; 6162, mortgage bankers & loan correspondents; 6163, loan brokers; and 6282, investment
Cluster - Fruits and Vegetables	Includes sectors engaged in the production and maintenance of fruit, melons, tree nuts, and vegetable crops. Includes the following SIC's: 0161, vegetables & melons; 0171, berry crops; 0172, grapes; 0174, citrus fruits; 0175, deciduous tree fruits; 0179, fruits & tree nuts, nec; 0762, farm management services; 2033, canned fruits & vegetables; and 2449, wood containers, nec.

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Cluster - Horticulture	Includes sectors engaged in the production and maintenance of ornamental plants, nursery crops, and food crops grown under cover. Includes the following SIC's: 0181, ornamental nursery products; 0182, food crops grown under cover; 0191, general farms, primarily crop; 0711, soil preparation services; 0781, landscape counseling & planning; and 0783, ornamental shrub & tree services.
Cluster - Medical Services	Includes sectors primarily offering health services to the general public through hospitals, medical facilities, and offices. Includes the following SIC's: 7352, medical equipment rental; 8011, offices & clinics of doctors of medicine; 8021, offices & clinics of dentists; 8049, offices of health practitioners, nec; 8062, general medical & surgical hospitals; 8063, psychiatric hospitals; 8069, specialty hospitals, except psychiatric; 8071, medical laboratories; 8072, dental laboratories; 8092, kidney dialysis centers; 8093, specialty outpatient facilities, nec; and 8099, health & allied services, nec.
Cluster - Recreational Goods Manufacturing	Includes companies that manufacture recreational goods, sporting and athletic goods, and toys. Includes the following SIC's: 3942, dolls & stuffed toys; 3944, games, toys & children's vehicles, excepts dolls and bicycles; and 3949, sporting & athletic goods, nec.
Cluster - Software and Computer Services	Includes sectors that provide services such and computer programming, prepackaged software, and software development. Includes the following SIC's: 7371, computer programming services; 7372, prepackaged software; 7373, computer integrated systems design; 7374, computer processing & data preparation services; 7379, computer related services, nec; 8711, engineering services; and 8731, commercial physical/biological research.
Cluster - Visitor Industry Services	Includes sectors such as hotels and motels, restaurants, travel agencies, and car rental companies. Includes the following SIC's: 4489, water passenger transportation, nec; 4499, water transportation services, nec; 4512, air transportation, scheduled; 4581, airports, flying fields, & airport terminal services; 4724, travel agencies; 4725, tour operators; 5812, eating places; 5813, drinking places; 7011, hotels & motels; 7021, rooming & boarding houses; 7032, sporting & recreational camps; 7033, trailer parks & campsites; 7041, organization hotels & lodging house; and 7514, passenger car rental.
CMSA	Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. A CMSA is made up of a Level A MSA (more than 1,000,000 population) in which two or more PMSA's are located.
Commuter Rail	A transit mode that is an electric or diesel propelled railway for urban passenger train service consisting of local short distance travel operating between a central city and adjacent suburbs. Service must be operated on a regular basis by or under contract with a transit operator for the purpose of transporting passengers within urbanized areas, or between urbanized areas and outlying areas. Such rail service does not include heavy rail rapid transit or light rail/street car transit service. Inter city rail service is excluded, except for that portion of such service that is operated by or under contract with a public transit industry for predominantly commuter services means that for any given trip segment (i.e., distance between any two stations), more than 50% of the average daily ridership travels on the train at least three times a week. Only the predominantly commuter service portion of an inter city route is eligible for inclusion when determining commuter rail route miles.

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Concordance	A process developed by the US Patent and Trademark Office to convert their Original Classification identifiers to Standard Industrial Classification Codes [SIC]. See Fractional Counts. A 'concordance', in the US PTO's usage of the word, is a table or list of US patent classifications and their corresponding SIC code(s). The US PTO developed the list by selecting the most likely SIC code(s) for each US patent classification. There isn't, however, always a good relationship between the two systems, since they are based on different principles. If one were to look at the individual patents from a given U.S. patent classification, they may all correspond to the SIC code(s) or they may represent several different SIC codes. Therefore an individual patent from the U.S. patent classification scheme may not be correctly identified by the SIC code(s) from the concordance. When looking at aggregated data, however, there should be a strong relationship between US patent classification and its corresponding SIC code(s).
Constant Dollars	Adjusted for inflation.
Copyright	A form of protection provided by the laws of the United States (title 17, U.S. Code) to the authors of "original works of authorship," including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works [includes software]. This protection is available to both published and unpublished works. Section 106 of the 1976 Copyright Act generally gives the owner of copyright the exclusive right to and to authorize others to reproduce the work; To prepare derivative works based upon the work; To distribute copies of the work to the public by sale or other transfer of ownership, or by rental, lease, or lending; To perform the work publicly and to display the copyrighted work publicly.
Correlation	The strength of the linear relationship between two variables
Correlation Coefficient	The numerical value of the linear relationship between two variables. The data range from -1.0 to 0.0 for negative relationships and from 0.0 to +1.0 for positive relationships. A value of 0.0 means there is no statistical relationship between the two variables. A value of 1.0 means the two variables are perfectly correlated.
CPI	Consumer Price Index. An index measuring the change in the cost of typical wage-earner purchases of goods and services expressed as a percentage of the cost of these same goods and services in some base period
Demand Response	A transit mode comprised of passenger cars, vans or class C buses operating in response to calls from passengers or their agents to the transit operator, who then dispatches a vehicle to pick up the passengers and transport them to their destinations. A demand response operation is characterized by the following: (a) The vehicles do not operate over a fixed route or on a fixed schedule except, perhaps, on a temporary basis to satisfy a special need; and (b) typically, the vehicle may be dispatched to pick up several passengers at different pick-up points before taking them to their respective destinations and may even be interrupted en route to these destinations to pick up other passengers. The following types of operations fall under the above definitions provided they are not on a scheduled fixed route basis: many origins-many destinations, many origins-one destination, one origin-many destinations, and one origin-one destination.
DRI-WEFA	An economic research group that provides regional forecasts and other forecasting data. Made up of a merger between Data Resources Incorporated and Wharton Economic Forecasting Associates.

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Element - Balance	One of four building blocks of the Competitiveness Index. It is the variance computed from the normalized scores of the rank ordering of each of the region's economic, environment and equity elements.
Element - Economic	One of four building blocks of the Competitiveness Index. It is composed of five indicators: real per capita income in constant 2000 dollars, venture capital funding and dollars raised from IPO's as a share of the region's GMP, governmental capital outlays on air transport, sea and inland ports and highways in constant 2000 dollars per capita, patents per million population, and the educational level of those 25 years of age and older.
Element - Environment	One of four building blocks of the Competitiveness Index. It is composed of three indicators: the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Watershed Index, the number of days in a year a region does not meet US EPA air quality standards, and governmental capital outlays on sewerage, solid waste management and water utilities in constant 2000 dollars per capita.
Element - Equity	One of four building blocks of the Competitiveness Index. It is composed of five indicators: income distribution as measured by the ratio of mean individual income to median individual income, housing affordability as measured by the Housing Opportunity Index, which relates the median sales prices of homes to median incomes, average commute time, governmental capital outlays on mass transit in constant 2000 dollars per capita and the percent of 3-4 year olds in early school programs.
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
Exports	A commodity or manufactured goods conveyed from one country or region to another for purposes of trade
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FDA	Food and Drug Administration. A part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the FDA's mission is to promote and protect the public health by helping safe and effective products reach the market in a timely way, and monitoring products for continued safety after they are in use.
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FIPS	Federal Information Processing System. Numbers used by the U.S. Census Bureau to uniquely identify geographic areas. State-level FIPS codes have two digits. County-level FIPS codes have three digits and are used with the state FIPS code in order to uniquely identify each county.
Fractional Count	A "Fractional Count" divides a patent equally among the SIC-based product fields to which the patent's "original" USPCS [U.S. Patent Classification System] subclass has been matched, via the concordance. For example, if a patent has an "original" classification in a USPCS subclass which is matched to 2 unique SIC-based product fields, that patent would be counted as 0.5 in each of the SIC's. "Fractional Counts" are rounded to the nearest whole number.
FTA	Federal Transit Administration which is a part of the US Department of Transportation
GMP	Gross Metropolitan Product
GRP	Gross Regional Product
Heavy Rail	A transit mode that is an electric railway with the capacity for a heavy volume of traffic. It is characterized by high speed and rapid acceleration passenger rail cars operating singly or in multi-car trains on fixed rails; separate rights-of-way from which all other vehicular and foot traffic are excluded; sophisticated signaling, and high platform loading.
HOI	Housing Opportunity Index. The share of homes sold in an area that are affordable to a family earning the median income.

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HTML	Hyper Text Markup Language. Indicates that something is located on the internet.
Income Bracket	A range of income used to determine the rate at which a filer will be taxed.
Incubator	A business incubator is mainly a service organization designed to nurture young businesses. Incubators provide hands-on management assistance, as well as access to financing, marketing, consultants, and business or technical support services. They also offer shared office services, access to equipment, and low rent facilities. Incubators are typically sponsored by universities, government agencies, community groups, private industry, investors and coalitions of these groups, to encourage new business formation, economic development and technology commercialization.
Index / Index Number	A number expressing the value of something at a given period of time in absolute number form. The index number's point of reference could be 1 or 100.
Indicator	Any of a group of statistical values (as level of employment) that taken together give an indication of the health of the economy
Inflation	A continuing or sustained rise in the general price level.
IPD	Implicit Price Deflator. The ratio of a nominal value divided by a real value. Base year of the IPD is the base year of the real value.
IPO	Initial Public Offering
IWI	Index of Watershed Indicators. A compilation of information on the "health" of aquatic resources in the United States.
Light Rail	Lightweight passenger rail cars operating singly (or in short, usually two-car, trains) on fixed rails in right-of-way that is not separated from other traffic for much of the way. Light rail vehicles are driven electrically with power being drawn from an overhead electric line via a trolley or a pantograph. Also known as "streetcar," "tramway," or "trolley car."
Location Quotient	A statistical measure of the extent to which a particular economic activity is over- or under- represented in the economy of a region, compared to its representation in the economy as a whole. For analysis in this study, the location quotient for each of the 56 SIC categories compiled by the US PTO are computed by dividing the region's concentration for each category, by the US's concentration of patents in each category. The result is multiplied by 100. Where the quotient is 100, the particular activity is equally represented in the regional and national economies; where the region exceeds 100, the region can be regarded as relatively specialized in that activity.
Long Term Care Facility	Facilities in which the average stay is longer than 30 days.
Mean	The sum of all data values divided by their number. Average.
Median	The value of the middle item when data are arranged in order of size; a measure of central tendency.
Metric Tonne	2,200 pounds, 1.1 short tons
Moving Average	The weighted average of the <i>k</i> most recent observations of data constituting a time series.
MS Excel	A Microsoft Windows based computer program utilizing spreadsheets.
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area. An MSA must include a city with a population of 50,000 or more, or a U.S. Census Bureau defined urbanized area of at least 50,000 population provided that the component county/counties of the metropolitan statistical area have a total population of at least 100,000.
MWD	Metropolitan Water District. The region that obtains its water from the Colorado River and Northern California.
NAHB	National Association of Home Builders

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National Venture Capital Association	Trade association representing the venture capital industry. Membership consists of venture capital firms and organizations who manage pools of risk equity capital designated to be invested in young, emerging companies.
NECMA	New England County Metropolitan Area
Nominal	Not adjusted for inflation
Normal Distribution	A symmetric, bell-shaped probability distribution
NSF	National Science Foundation. An independent agency of the U.S. government, established in 1950 to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense.
OMB	The Office of Management and Budget. OMB's predominant mission is to assist the President of the United States in overseeing the preparation of the Federal budget and to supervise its administration in Executive Branch agencies. In helping to formulate the President's spending plans, OMB evaluates the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures, assesses competing funding demands among agencies, and sets funding priorities. OMB ensures that agency reports, rules, testimony, and proposed legislation are consistent with the President's budget and with Administration policies.
OTAF	Office of Technology Assessment and Forecasting. A division of the US Patent and Trademark Office.
Patent	A patent is a type of property right. It gives the patent holder the right, for a limited time, to exclude others from making, using, offering to sell, selling, or importing into the United States the subject matter that is within the scope of protection granted by the patent.
Patent - Design	The patent laws provide for the granting of design patents to any person who has invented any new and nonobvious ornamental design for an article of manufacture. The design patent protects only the appearance of an article, but not its structural or functional features. The proceedings relating to granting of design patents are the same as those relating to other patents with a few differences. A design patent has a term of 14 years from grant, and no fees are necessary to maintain a design patent in force.
Patent - Plant	A plant patent is granted to an inventor who has invented or discovered and asexually reproduced a distinct and new variety of plant, other than a tuber propagated plant or a plant found in an uncultivated state. The grant, which lasts for 20 years from the date of filing the application, protects the inventor's right to exclude others from asexually reproducing, selling, or using the plant so reproduced.
Patent-Types	There are various types of patents – utility , design , and plant . Utility patents are identified by a 7-digit number; design patents are identified with the letter D + 6-digit number and plant patents are identified by the letters PP + 5-digit number. Thus study examines utility and plant patents which account for over 90% of patent activity.
Patent-Utility	Issued for the invention of a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or a new and useful improvement thereof. It generally permits its owner to exclude others from making, using, or selling the invention for a period of up to twenty years from the date of patent application filing [17 years for patents granted before 1995], subject to the payment of maintenance fees. Approximately 90% of the patent documents issued by the PTO in recent years have been utility patents, also referred to as "patents for invention."
Per Capita	Per person

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PMSA	Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area. A PMSA is located within a level A MSA (has at least 1,000,000 population.) A PMSA has at least 100,000 population, at least 60 percent of its population urban, less than 35 percent of its resident workers working outside the county, and less than 2,500 population of the largest central city of the Level A MSA.
PTO	U.S. Office of Patent and Trademark. A division of the U.S. Department of Commerce.
PWC	Price Waterhouse Coopers. International firm that provides services in many areas including consulting, tax services, financial services, and industry expertise. Created by the merger of two firms, formerly Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand.
Quintile	When a data set is divided into five equal parts, a quintile represents one of the five parts. "Bottom Quintile" - the lowest fifth of the data. "Upper Quintile" - the highest fifth of the data [data are arranged in order of size].
RAQS	Regional Air Quality Strategy
RCI	Roadway Congestion Index
Real	Measured by purchasing power. Adjusted for inflation.
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RWQCB9	Regional Water Quality Control Board for San Diego.
SANDAG	San Diego Association of Governments
SBA	United States Small Business Administration
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research Program of the US National Science Foundation. There are ten federal agencies that participate in the program including the Department of Defense and Department of Education. Awards are made to US companies that meet specified criteria and are intended to facilitate the development of an idea that has scientific and technical merit.
SDCWA	San Diego County Water Authority
SDIA	San Diego International Airport
SDWTC	San Diego World Trade Center
Short Ton	2,000 pounds, 0.9 metric tonnes
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification. A classification system developed by the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget to classify establishments by the types of activities in which they are engaged.
Stock Option	A right granted by a corporation to employees as a form of compensation that allows purchase of corporate stock at a fixed price [strike price] for a specified time. If the market price of the stock is above the strike price, the option has value and the difference between strike price and market prices is treated as income when the option is exercised.
Sustainable Development	The progressive and balanced achievement of long term economic development coupled with improved social equity while preserving environmental quality. At the heart of this definition is ensuring a better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come – which implies meeting the population's needs and prudent use of natural resources.
Sustainable Competitiveness	Sustainable competitiveness means that a region is successful in its ability to retain human resources that are used to sustain economic prosperity balanced with improving social equity while preserving environmental quality. Further, sustainable competitiveness provides the focus necessary to maintain and or improve its competitive edge over time. Thus, a region's sustainable competitiveness requires the integration and balance of economy, environment and equity.

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Sustainable Competitiveness Index	<p>Created by SANDAG, the index quantifies the ability of geographical regions to be competitive over the long run. Because the index focuses on the long run, it utilizes indicators that are forward looking such as government and business investment, and education. To attain balance, the index uses indicators from the following key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economy – standard of living, innovation, educational attainment, and investment – private and government. 2. Environment - air and water quality, and governmental capital investments. 3. Equity - the distribution of income, housing affordability, basic education, transportation, and governmental capital investments. <p>To specifically account for balance, the variance for each region's normalized score is calculated and called the Balance Element. This Balance Element carries an equal weight as the Economic, Environment and Equity Elements. The four elements are added together to obtain the Sustainable Competitiveness Index.</p>
Tax Bracket	A range of adjusted gross income determined by the federal or state government, generally used to determine the rate a filer will pay for income taxes
TCM Plan	Transportation Control Measures Plan
Thomson Financial	A global provider of data, analysis and information tools
Total Capital Outlays	The sum of all Capital Outlays made by an organization.
Total Expenditures	Refers to total expenditures made by government entities and is the sum of all fees paid for goods or services received, including (but not limited to) the following: construction, equipment, unemployment compensation, workers compensation, welfare, staff services, financial administration, forestry, corrections, etc. Total Expenditures does not include payments for the retirement of debt principal, extension of loans, purchases of securities for investment purposes, refunds of revenues collected during the same fiscal year, erroneous payments and other outlays that are recovered during the same fiscal year, agency or private trust transactions, or noncash transactions (i.e. provision of perquisites, technical services, commodities, property, noncash gifts or bequests, and other "payments in kind").
TTI	Texas Transportation Institute. TTI is an official research agency for the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Railroad Commission, and is a member of the Texas A&M University System. TTI works closely with many state and federal agencies as well as the private sector to improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation system.
UCSD	University of California at San Diego
Unemployment Rate	The percentage of persons in the labor force (persons working, or actively seeking work) who are not working for pay in any form
Unlinked Passenger Trips	The number of passengers who board public transportation vehicles in a year. Passengers are counted each time they board vehicles no matter how many vehicles they use to travel from their origin to their destination.
Variance	The variance represents the degree of spread of a data set. It is calculated by subtracting each observation from the mean, squaring the difference, summing all the squared differences, and dividing the sum of the squared differences by the number of observations.
Venture Economics	A division of Thomson Financial. Provider of private equity information such as investment, exit, and performance activity in an industry.

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VC	Venture Capital. Money typically invested in young, growing or otherwise unproven companies that have the potential to develop into significant firms. Increasingly in recent decades, VC is an important source of funds for startup companies and those providing the capital accept the risk that the company may go bankrupt.
VC Stages of Funding	In stage one , which typically lasts from one to six months, the company is organized and formed. Stage two lasts six to 18 months, and is concerned with fund-raising. Later stages , which can take up to 10 years, are concerned with portfolio investments, management and, lastly, an exit strategy for the VCs.
VC--Biopharmaceutical Industry	Developers of technology promoting drug development, disease treatment, and a deeper understanding of living organisms. Some examples include: biochemicals, cell therapy, genetic engineering systems, genomics, drug delivery, and pharmaceuticals---both prescription and over-the-counter---as well as veterinary drugs and diagnostics. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Communications and Networking Industry	Providers of products or services that facilitate information transmission or reception (voice or data). Examples include: networking devices and equipment, ISP's, wireless services and equipment, ISDN, fiber-optics, telecommunications, tele/videoconferencing, and TV and radio stations. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Consumer and Business Products Industry	Manufacturers and producers of tangible consumer goods for end-use by individuals, businesses or government bodies. Some examples include: manufacturers of planes and automobiles including parts and accessories, producers of printed publications, clothing and toy manufacturers, construction products, and food producers. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Consumer and Business Services Industry	Companies providing services to individuals, businesses or government bodies. These services may be offered online. Included in this category are financial services, sports and entertainment, transportation, education and training services (including online training courses), consumer services (i.e. car wash chains, grocery delivery service, travel agencies, etc.) and business services such as equipment leasing, personnel services, advertising agencies, and contractors. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Electronics and Computer Hardware Industry	Developers/Manufacturers of computer systems and related equipment such as peripherals, display units, data storage units, and memory systems. Also included are high-tech consumer electronics, power supplies, automated manufacturing equipment, and electronic parts that are components of larger products. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Healthcare Services Industry	Companies offering inpatient and outpatient, and ancillary healthcare services. Also includes Physician Practice Management Companies (PPMCs), home healthcare, medical/lab services, and health insurers. Healthcare information systems are not included in this category. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Industrial Industry	Companies that manufacture finished industrial goods including specialty materials and/or chemicals (metal alloys, acrylics, plastics, polymers, special gases), agriculture products, oil and gas producers, environmental products or services designed to improve environmental quality or reduce waste and pollution. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Information Services Industry	Companies offering services to other businesses to either help them manage their own information or by providing outside information to the business. Includes IT Consulting, data management services, research organizations, and online publications. (A PWC definition of an industry group).

Glossary

Term / Acronym	Definition / Description
VC--Medical Devices and Equipment Industry	Developers of technology used to create medical hardware devices, and manufacturers of medical supplies and equipment. This category also includes producers and distributors of highly specialized medical lab instruments and medical supplies for hospitals, clinics and labs, as well as non-invasive therapeutic medical equipment such as hearing aids, eyewear, and dental devices. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Medical Information Systems Industry	Developers of software and providers of services to assist healthcare professionals in managing and analyzing large amounts of work-related data. Includes medical informatics software developers, other medical related ASPs, decision support services, and outcomes management systems. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Retailer Industry	Includes companies that sell products to consumers for the direct benefit and use of the purchaser. Restaurants, apparel and accessory retailers (including catalogue and mail order), specialty retailers such as those offering auto parts, furniture, sports equipment, cosmetics and personal care products, as well as e-Commerce companies are included in this category. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Semiconductor Industry	Designers, or manufacturers, of semiconductor chips/microprocessors or other related devices such as diodes and transistors. This category also includes companies involved in the testing or packaging of integrated circuits. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VC--Software Industry	Companies producing bundled and/or unbundled software for business or consumer use. Includes enterprise software, multimedia, educational, and recreational packages. Also included is software developed for a specific industry with the exception of healthcare information systems. (A PWC definition of an industry group).
VOMS	Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service. Refers to the number of vehicles in operation for mass transit systems during peak hours. These systems can include buses, light rail, heavy rail, trolleys, etc.
WebCASPAR	Online data access application from the National Science Foundation.