ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

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A critical zone for the City of Chicago, an economic engine for the State of Illinois, and one of the largest medical districts in the nation

Established in 1941 by an act of the Illinois General Assembly, the **Illinois Medical District (IMD)** is a mixed-use zoning district located on the near west side of the City of Chicago less than **2 miles from downtown**. Each day, **90,000** people visit the IMD, and it is **oldest established medical district** in the United States, and one of the **largest**.

The IMD is anchored by **four major hospitals**: Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCH), Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (JBVAMC), Rush University Medical Center (RUSH) and the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System (UI Health).

In addition to healthcare, many nonprofits, labs, research facilities, life science startups, universities, schools, and government agencies also call the IMD home. In recent years, the IMD has seen a rapid increase in **mixed-use development**, including residential, retail, restaurants, and hotels.

The IMD is serviced by two **mass transit rail lines**, multiple bus routes, Interstate 290 and a heliport. The IMD is also conveniently located 2 miles from Chicago's **commuter rail terminals**, Union Station and Ogilvie Transportation Center, 1 mile from Interstate 55 and 1 mile from Interstate 90/94.

The IMD is governed by a seven-member **Board of Commissioners (IMD Commission)** appointed by the Governor of Illinois, Mayor of Chicago and Cook County Board President, and retains zoning authority over the IMD while working to guide its development.

A critical zone for the Chicagoland area and its residents, the IMD is evolving into a **thriving community** that continues to improve the health of its patient population and welcome new residents — and can attract and retain talent as Chicago develops into a **national life science hub**.

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By the Numbers

IN THE IMD

4 hospital systems

2 universities

11 governmental agencies

40+ healthcare nonprofits

11 schools and daycares

1k residential units

3 hotels

25 restaurants

1 heliport

90k daily visitors

12k students

ECONOMIC IMPACT

$7.7 billion
annual economic activity

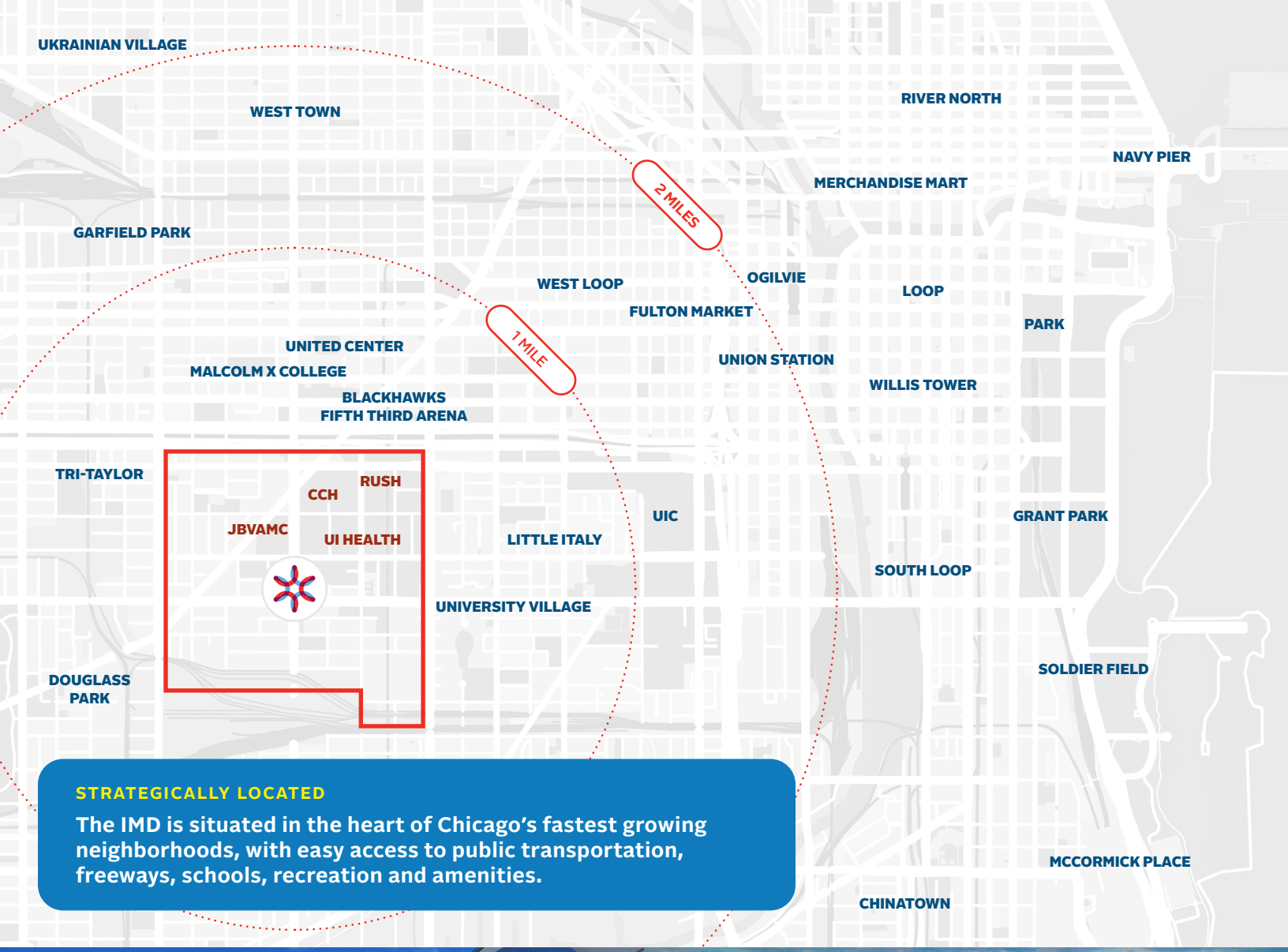
$400+ million
annual university R&D

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY

30 million+ sq ft

30 shovel-ready acres

25 opportunity zone acres



STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

The IMD is situated in the heart of Chicago's fastest growing neighborhoods, with easy access to public transportation, freeways, schools, recreation and amenities.

IMD CTA Blue Line station, overlooking Interstate 290, a popular stop for visiting the United Center, Fifth Third Arena and Malcolm X College.

Gateway retail development, home to popular chain restaurants, retail, a 161-unit apartment building and Hampton by Hilton.

The Chicago Lighthouse Rise to Shine accessible race, held annually in the IMD, where all participants are welcome regardless of ability.

The Lydian, a 279-unit luxury apartment building that overlooks the West Loop and is walking distance to Chicago's most popular destinations.