



TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION

In cost-friendly and business-friendly Cloquet, Minnesota, the world is at your doorstep. With world-class infrastructure and easy Interstate, rail and port access, Cloquet's central Midwest location lets transportation and distribution operations reach suppliers and customers virtually anywhere in the world.

LOCATION & ACCESS TO MARKETS

HIGHWAYS: Interstate 35 connects Cloquet to major cities, including Minneapolis, Des Moines, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth and San Antonio. State Highways 33 and 210; Highway 33 also connects to State Highway 53.

RAIL: Cloquet Terminal Railroad, a Class III terminal, interchanges with BNSF and Canadian Pacific.

AIRPORTS:

- **Cloquet** has a public use airport with two runways (4,003 feet and 3,100 feet).
- **Duluth International Airport** is about 25 miles outside of Cloquet and offers direct flights to Minneapolis and Chicago.
- **Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport**, 2 hours south of Cloquet, offers nonstop flights to 128 domestic locations and 27 international locations.

PORTS: Just 20 miles from Cloquet is the Port of Duluth-Superior, the farthest-inland freshwater seaport, one of the leading bulk cargo ports in all of North America and is designated a **Foreign Trade Zone #51**. The port is less than a week's

sailing time from the Atlantic Ocean.

- Canadian National Railway and Duluth Cargo Connect recently opened an intermodal terminal to transfer containers between rail cars and trucks at the Clure Public Marine Terminal. The terminal connects the port to three coasts — Atlantic, Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico — via CN's rail network.
- #1 Tonnage Port on the Great Lakes and the 2nd largest bulk port in the U.S.
- The port is located at the crossroads of three major highway systems and four Class I railroads — BNSF, CN, CP and UP

Minnesota was ranked #5 out of all 50 states for Infrastructure. (Best States for Business, 2015 Rankings, CNBC)



Within an eight-hour drive, companies in Cloquet can reach nearly 35 million people in the U.S. alone, including the following major U.S. and Canadian markets:

- Chicago, IL
- Minneapolis, MN
- Milwaukee, WI
- Madison, WI
- Omaha, NE
- Des Moines, IA
- Cedar Rapids, IA
- Winnipeg, Manitoba



WORKFORCE AND TRAINING

- **Lake Superior College**

offers a CDL program that takes as little as 7 weeks for completion. The college also offers an Advanced Truck Driving certificate, which includes becoming Federal Motor Carrier Safety certified and a driving internship. In 2015 the program graduated over 60 people.



Other fine area schools include Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, University of Minnesota-Duluth, University of Wisconsin-Superior, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, and the College of St. Scholastica

REPRESENTATIVE OCCUPATIONS AND WAGES

OCCUPATION	CITY OF CLOQUET	MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN	U.S.
49-3042 Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$25.45	\$26.27	\$22.88	\$23.45
53-3032 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.12	\$19.97	\$18.85	\$19.36
53-7062 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$12.79	\$13.84	\$13.45	\$12.02
53-7064 Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$12.76	\$10.93	\$11.59	\$10.10

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2016)

“Upper Lakes Foods began as a small operation with nine employees and one delivery truck, and we have grown to become the largest independent food service distributor in Minnesota. In 1981, Upper Lakes Foods moved to what is now our corporate headquarters in Cloquet. The expansive, 118,000 square foot warehouse offered nothing but possibility for our growing business.



Upper Lakes Foods believes strong communities build strong businesses. Being a part of the Cloquet community, where our employees and customers live, has been vital to our success and growth.”

-Kirk Wimmer, Upper Lakes Foods



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW CLOQUET CAN WORK FOR YOU, CALL US TODAY!

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