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The Shifting Landscape of Global Site Selection



[How U.S. Biopharma Changed in 2025 and What It Means for 2026](#)

The U.S. biopharma sector recalibrated in 2025 while laying the groundwork for continued expansion in 2026. BLS & Co.'s Andy Shapiro breaks down the policy dynamics, workforce realignment, therapeutic trends, and multi-billion-dollar manufacturing investments reshaping the industry's location decisions.

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[Community Opposition Is Reshaping Data Center Strategy](#)

Community scrutiny around power demand, land use, water consumption, and long-term local impact is reshaping how and where data center projects get built. BLS & Co.'s Tracey Hyatt Bosman examines how public resistance, political pressure, and grid constraints are adding new layers of complexity to site selection and forcing developers to rethink engagement, timing and risk mitigation strategies.

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[The Forces Steering Global Investment in 2026](#)

2026 is already shaping up to be one of the most consequential years for site selection in decades. From manufacturing momentum and life sciences CapEx to energy constraints, AI adoption, and geopolitical realignment, the BLS & Co. team outlines the trends that will determine where global investment flows throughout this year and beyond.

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Need for Speed

Where CapEx continues to land in 2026 will hinge less on incentives and more on execution speed. Michelle Comerford of BLS & Co. spoke with Zach Silber from *Standard & Works* to discuss why governors, site selectors, and economic development leaders are prioritizing velocity as the new currency for location decisions.

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Strategic Guidance for Navigating What's Next

The site selection landscape continues to evolve amid shifting economic conditions, geopolitical concerns, policy changes, and infrastructure constraints. For corporate leaders and economic developers alike, navigating what comes next requires a clear understanding of the forces shaping where investment flows.

BLS & Co. consultants are closely tracking the trends influencing location decisions today.

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BLS & Co.'s Upcoming Events

- ACG Chicago Manufacturing & Distribution Conference | April 8 in Chicago, IL
- Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute Spring Policy Summit | April 16 in Indianapolis, IN
- IAMC Spring Forum | April 18-22 in Little Rock, AR
- SelectUSA 2026 Investment Summit | May 3-5 in National Harbor, MD

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