



*Brockton, Massachusetts*  
*"City of Champions"*  
*James E. Harrington – Mayor*

Dear Friends,

*Welcome to the "City of Champions!"* Brockton's many historical successes and notoriety are due to businesses such as the shoe factories and electric power plants, to name just a few. Through the years, the same entrepreneurial spirit continues with a working partnership between government and business.

The City of Brockton offers an array of incentives for individuals looking to relocate or start their business. Our city has three train stations that provide access to the Old Colony Commuter Rail, a dynamic work force, a favorable cost of living, top rated public schools, beautiful parks and recreational activities, good commercial and residential real estate rates as well as the Brockton Rox Professional Baseball Team. *Inc. Magazine* rated Brockton as one of the "best places to do business in America" and also listed Brockton as one of the "100 best communities for young people," accolades that I am extremely proud of.

An acquaintance recently noted that he had visited Brockton after a twenty year hiatus and was pleasantly surprised with all the wonderful advances Brocktonians have made. The evidence is clear: we are not resting on our laurels; we just keep raising the bar. As a community we are always reinventing ourselves and striving for nothing less than our very best.

*Brockton, Massachusetts – An Economic Resource Guide* is a product of the Brockton 21st Century Corporation produced in 2003. The Corporation is a private non-profit organization with the know-how and track record to maintain businesses that have invested in the city as well as the tools to bring in new businesses.

Rest assured, my friends at the Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation and my colleagues in City Hall will work hard to ensure that Brockton remains a great place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Harrington".

**JAMES E. HARRINGTON**  
Mayor