

Your Advantage for

# Aviation and Aerospace

North Carolina's Southeast



## Business climate with advantages for aviation and aerospace

North Carolina is now second in the U.S. in aerospace growth, and the Southeast region of the state is well positioned to take advantage of future industry growth. Leverage the workforce, education, and cost advantages that make our regional economy strong for your business.

- More than 1,000 companies in the aerospace supply chain
- Two of the top 10 aerospace and aviation clusters in the South
- Largest military presence on the east coast
- More than 9,500 employed in aerospace in North Carolina
- N.C. state corporate tax rate reduced to 5% over two years
- State and local incentives encouraging investment and job creation

**NC: #1**  
in the Southeast  
for manufacturing

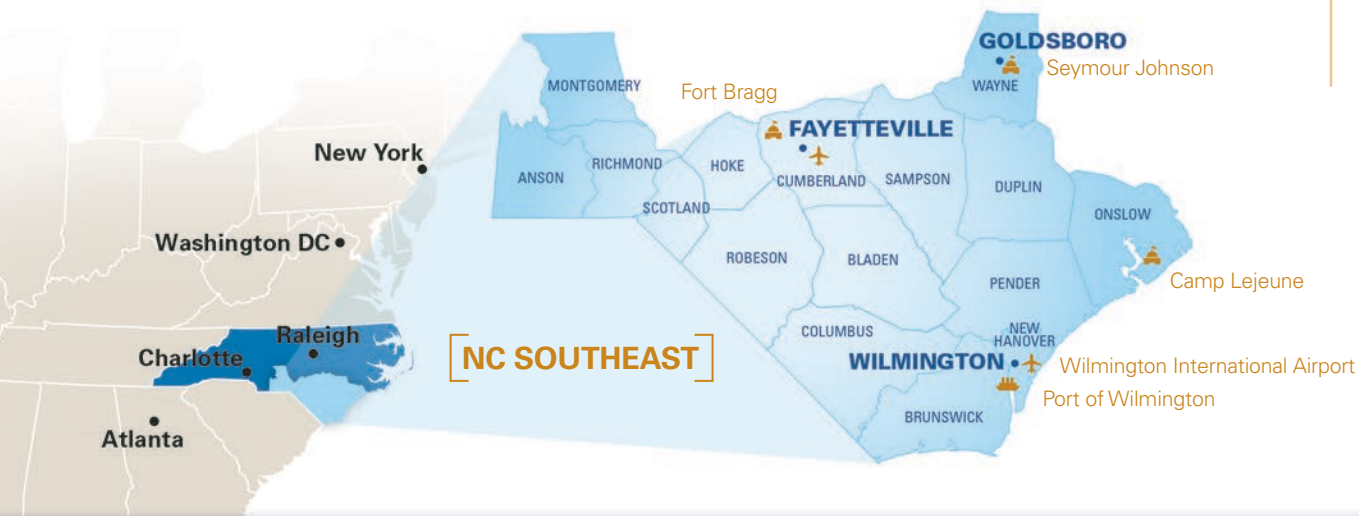


## Skilled and experienced workforce giving you an advantage

With a growing workforce of over 550,000, the highest productivity rate in the country, and certified skills sets, NC Southeast is ready to support your aerospace business.

- 26,000 people employed in engineering fields in North Carolina
- 10,000 exiting military personnel each year
- Five military installations train people in aviation and avionics, electronics, engineering, and heavy and specialized equipment operation
- 68% increase in employment in aircraft engine and engine part manufacturing compared to a 25% decline for the U.S.
- Right-To-Work State
- Lowest unionization rate in the U.S. at 1.9%

**36%** more  
productive than  
the U.S.  
average



» North Carolina named **#2 Best Business Climate** by *Site Selection* magazine in 2013.



» North Carolina ranked **#4 in Best State for Business in 2014** by *Chief Executive* magazine.

## The education advantage for aviation and aerospace

North Carolina institutions graduate almost 3,400 in engineering fields each year. Our eleven community college campuses and area universities offer a wide range of degrees and certificates that support the growing aviation and aerospace clusters.

- N.C. State University Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- NCSU NextGen Air Transportation
- Duke University Aerospace Engineering Certificate
- T. H. Davis Aviation Center
- Elizabeth City State University Air Traffic Control
- NCWorks Customized Training Program
  - › Pre-employment assistance
  - › Qualified instruction and training
  - › Facilities and equipment for training
  - › Customized training materials

## The research advantage for aviation and aerospace

As second in the U.S. in aerospace growth, North Carolina leads the way with unique industry research advantages ranging from applied research centers to professional associations and universities.

- North Carolina Aerospace Alliance
- The Aerospace Industry Sector Development Partnership
- NC Aerospace Supplier and Advanced Manufacturing Summit

## Utilities providing you a competitive advantage

We know that every cost point matters. Our region has low utility costs and customer choice that impacts your bottom line.

- Quality utility providers with choice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest electric rates in the southeastern United States
- Eight advanced telecommunications providers

## Industry leading companies continue to invest in the Southeast

Find out why aviation and aerospace companies continue to locate and grow in the Southeast – talent, industry research and support, competitive cost, and access to markets. Our region is centrally located to the Southeast’s industry leaders:

- GE aircraft engine in Wilmington, NC
- Boeing Dreamliner in Charleston, SC
- Spirit Aerosystems in Kinston, NC
- HondaJet in Greensboro, NC
- N.C. Southeast’s Top Aerospace Companies
  - › Boeing Company, GE Aircraft Engines, Logic Hydraulic Controls, L-3 Communications, Blackhawk Modifications



## Transportation advantage

Reach over one-half of the U.S. marketplace, and your customers and suppliers, from the N.C. Southeast region via the network of I-95, I-40, and I-73/74. Rail, port, and air service round out the Southeast transportation network to provide you a range of options.

- Five airports with runways from 5,000’ to 8,000’ all with adjacent industrial sites, three with uncontrolled airspace
- Interstates 95, 40, and 73/74 connect to over half of the U.S. consumer market
- Port at Wilmington offers terminal facilities serving container, bulk and breakbulk operations. It is C-TPAT certified and designated as FTZ 66.
- CSX, Norfolk-Southern, and several short lines provide efficient rail connections
- Wilmington and Fayetteville offer regional air service with connections via Delta, U.S. Airways, United, and American Eagle

**North Carolina’s Southeast** is a public/private economic development organization which provides free, confidential resources and assistance needed for your company to relocate or expand in southeastern North Carolina.