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Aviation and Aerospace in North Carolina's Southeast



NORTH CAROLINA'S
SOUTHEAST™



ADVANTAGE: NORTH CAROLINA'S SOUTHEAST

North Carolina's well-regarded business climate combined with its mid-Atlantic location, large military presence, strong manufacturing base and commitment to education and workforce development have led to significant growth in the aviation and aerospace industry. Within the state, North Carolina's Southeast Region (NCSE) represents the most attractive location for this industry's continued expansion for a number of reasons.

- Diverse and highly skilled workforce, ranked 10% more productive than the national average
- Direct mid-point location on the east coast
- Large workforce in advanced manufacturing
- Foreign Trade Zone at the Port of Wilmington
- Close proximity to leading aerospace companies
- Largest military presence on the east coast
- Population growth at nearly twice the national average
- Highly competitive incentives and financial assistance

OPTIMAL TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES

Logistics is frequently cited as the largest cost for many businesses. As a result, southeastern North Carolina's excellent transportation infrastructure makes it one of the most cost efficient locations anywhere.

- I-40 and I-95 offer excellent east-west and north-south connection
- I-73/74, a new highway connecting Detroit to Charleston, provides redundant access to the Port of Wilmington
- Port of Wilmington is one of the most efficient ports on the east coast
- The Ports of Charleston, Norfolk, and Savannah are all easily accessible
- Fayetteville and Wilmington airports offer key airline connections
- Four of the region's airports have adjacent industrial parks (three of which have uncontrolled airspace)



THE CENTER OF AN INDUSTRY

With 280 aerospace companies in North Carolina alone, NCSE lies in strategic proximity to many high profile companies making components, equipment, and parts for the aviation and aerospace industry. And thanks in large part to our massive military presence; some of the nation's largest defense contractors, including Lockheed Martin and Boeing, have established offices locally.

- Boeing (787 Dreamliner)—Charleston, SC
- GE Aviation—Wilmington, NC
- Spirit AeroSystems—Kinston, NC
- TIMCO Aerosystems—Wallburg, NC
- General Dynamics—Charlotte, NC
- HondaJet—Greensboro, NC
- Blackhawk Modifications—Elizabethtown, NC



A Closer Look at GE Aviation

GE Aviation has over 700 employees in their engine component assembly facility in Wilmington, NC. Established in 1978 and expanded several times since, GE's operation makes rotating parts for aircraft engines and is a major supplier to Boeing. So what was the reason for placing this facility in southeastern NC? Quite simply, GE was very happy with the values of the workforce and pro-business attitude of the state and region.





A MAJOR MILITARY PRESENCE

The military in North Carolina represents an annual economic impact of \$23 billion to the state. In total, the military accounts for more than 150,000 jobs with another 34,000 people employed by defense contractors and other providers of goods and services. Fort Bragg, located in NCSE, is the U.S. Army's largest installation thanks in part to the recent additions of the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC). It's also home to Pope Army Airfield. Other major installations nearby include:

- Seymour Johnson Air Force Base
- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune
- Marine Corps Air Station New River
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
(Home to Fleet Readiness Center East)
- Coast Guard Station Elizabeth City



A GROWING REGION...

North Carolina's Southeast is home to a diverse and well-educated labor force of more than 500,000 people. And with approximately 10,000 soldiers, sailors and marines exiting the military annually, the size and quality of our workforce increases each year.

- Right-to-work state, with the nation's lowest unionization rate (3.1%)
- 77.6% of population 25 years and older have at least a high school diploma and 30% have an associate degree or higher
- Five public and private universities and colleges that graduate more than 4,200 students every year
- Large metalworking cluster with skills relevant to the aerospace industry

...THAT'S READY TO WORK

The State of North Carolina is committed to continued growth in the aviation and aerospace industry. As such, several programs and initiatives are in place to enhance our attractiveness to companies in this industry.

- The North Carolina Aerospace Alliance develops capabilities to manufacture aviation parts
- The Aerospace Industry Sector Development Partnership strengthens North Carolina's supply chain for aviation/aerospace and promotes a qualified workforce
- The North Carolina Aerospace Initiative is a joint venture with educational and economic development organizations focused on applied research, aerospace education, and industry promotion
- Eight university and 60 community college programs support training and education for the aerospace industry
- The Advanced Machining Center provides training for machining, metal forming, and CAD design for aviation
- The TH Davis Aviation Center has specialized shops for engines, welding, electrical and sheet metal, composite construction and repair, manufacturing and quality control
- Eight Community Colleges with a combined annual enrollment greater than 115,000 students

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONE OF OUR AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARKS

1 LAURINBURG/MAXTON AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK Laurinburg/Maxton Airport (Maxton, NC)

- 1,800 acres ready for development, 400 acres certified
- 6,500' runway
- Lighted runway
- Access to I-74
- No controlled airspace

2 AIR PARK WEST Lumberton Municipal Airport (Lumberton, NC)

- 131 acres
- 5,502' runway
- Lighted runways
- Access to I-95 and I-74
- No controlled airspace

3 FAYETTEVILLE REGIONAL AIR & TECHNOLOGY PARK Fayetteville Regional Airport (Fayetteville, NC)

- 284 acres
- 7,706' runway
- Access to I-95
- Controlled airspace

4 ELIZABETHTOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK Curtis Brown Airport (Elizabethtown, NC)

- 160 acres
- 5,000' runway
- Lighted runway, parallel taxiway
- Adjacent to NC 87 Bypass
- No controlled airspace

5 ILM BUSINESS PARK ILM International Airport (Wilmington, NC)

- 220 acres
- 8,000' runway
- International Airport
- Access to US 74, US 17, I-40
- Controlled airspace