

— ADVANTAGES — FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE COMPANIES



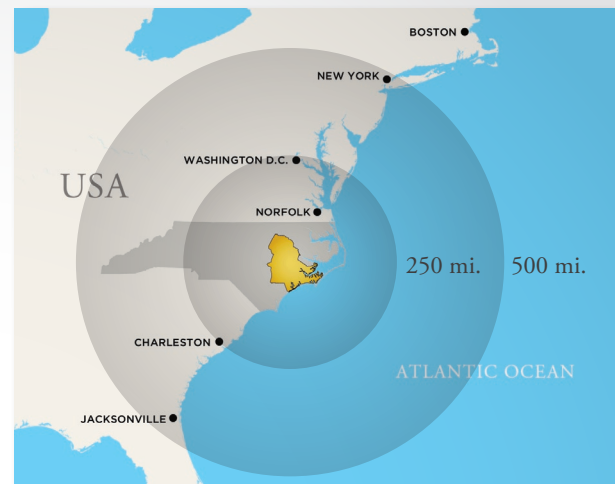
DYNAMIC GROWTH, UNRIVALED OPPORTUNITY

WHY NORTH CAROLINA AND THE EASTERN REGION

Millions of dollars have been invested in aerospace development to create the single best destination for corporate expansion or relocation. Visit us today and see some of the many reasons to consider North Carolina for your next location.

- Over 160 aerospace companies
- Consistently ranked #1 or #2 best state business climates
- Largest manufacturing workforce in the Southeast US, ninth in the US
- 10th most populace state in the US (9.4 million people)
- 4th fastest growing state in the US
- Within a one day drive of two-thirds of all US commerce
- Third largest concentration of military in the US

North Carolina's Eastern Region has a large and growing array of aerospace companies, an integrated and well developed training and education system devoted to STEM education and the aerospace sector, as well as several unique assets such as the Global TransPark, to serve the industry.



REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYERS

- Honeywell - *Jet Engine Fuel Controls*
- Kidde Aerospace & Defense - *Fire Suppression Systems*
- Spirit AeroSystems - *Aircraft Composite Structures*
- AAR Cargo/Defense Systems - *Cargo Handling*
- Commerce Overseas Corporation - *Parts and Supplies*
- DHI Holdings, Inc. - *Electronic Components*
- Eaton Hydraulics Group - *Hoses*
- Spatial Integrated Systems, Inc. - *Systems Engineering/R&D*
- Petra & Goldsboro Machining - *Precision Machining*
- New Breed, Longistics, DB Schenker & Kanban - *Logistics*
- Fleet Readiness Center East & Mountain Air Cargo - *MRO*

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Global TransPark

A 5,775 acre (2337 hectare), multi-modal Business, Manufacturing and Logistics Park offering:

- 5,775 environmentally permitted, 2,500 acres owned
- Direct access to an 11,500 foot (3505 meter) runway
- CAT III upgrades 2012
- Four-lane access North/South & East/West
- Direct rail connection to Port of Morehead City (2012)
- Foreign Trade Zone #214
- Proximity and four-lane highway access to Atlantic ports in North and South Carolina, and Virginia
- Easy access to seven defense/military installations (Air Force, Army, Marine, Navy, Coast Guard)

Integrated & Focused Workforce Development and Training

North Carolina's Eastern Region has a growing skilled and trainable workforce supported by an integrated Community College and University system that provides customized manufacturing, plant maintenance and manufacturing management training. Our Community Colleges provide two year technical and college transfer degree programs relevant to the aerospace industry.

Specifically, programs such as Advanced Machining, Sheet Metal Fabrication, Welding, and FAA Airframe and Power Plant (A&P) certification that meet the needs of our aerospace companies. Our newest asset is the aerospace composites manufacturing and repair program, housed in the Spirit AeroSystems Composite Center of Excellence. East Carolina University offers BS degrees in Systems Engineering and in Industrial Technology. Nearby institutions such as NC State, Duke, NC A&T, and UNC-Charlotte offer relevant engineering and technology degrees.

The region has access to 12,000 skilled personnel exiting the military annually. Underlying all of this is an award-winning WorkKeys/Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) Program. The region leads the State in workers possessing a CRC.

Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul – MRO

- Commercial Fixed Wing: Mountain Air Cargo
- Military Aircraft: V/STOL/TiltRotor/UAV's, FW, RW at the US Navy Fleet Readiness Center East
- Military Ground Vehicles: Oshkosh

