

NORTH CAROLINA | DEFENSE



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THE FRONTLINE OF THE FUTURE



WE CHOSE NORTH CAROLINA FOR SEVERAL REASONS, INCLUDING ITS EXTENSIVE AND WELL MAINTAINED INFRASTRUCTURE, FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND TWO SEAPORTS, ITS CONSISTENT RANKING AS ONE OF THE TOP STATES TO DO BUSINESS, ITS WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM AND, IMPORTANTLY, ITS OUTSTANDING AND DIVERSE WORKFORCE.

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THRIVING DUAL-USE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

North Carolina is home to a thriving technology network and workforce, that creates and supports a collaborative network of industry, academia and government partners who work together on critical research and technologies that have commercial and military applications. The innovation taking place here helps drive the future of defense.

- #4 in the nation for technology job growth.
- Two of the nation's top five metros for innovation.
- Nation's largest research park (RTP).
- #2 in the nation for percentage of women in the technology workforce.
- 96% patent growth over recent 10-year period.

North Carolina is home to hundreds of aerospace and automotive companies and is the future home to Apple and Google engineering hubs, as well as Wolfspeed's newest semiconductor manufacturing plant. From artificial intelligence and cybersecurity to robotics and gaming, North Carolina's is committed to maintaining the technological advantage for the nation and our Armed Forces. Blue-chip companies performing defense-related work in North Carolina include:



BAE SYSTEMS

Booz | Allen | Hamilton



GE Aviation

GENERAL DYNAMICS



Honeywell



**NORTHROP
GRUMMAN**



Red Hat

**RTI
INTERNATIONAL**

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PARTNERSHIPS

North Carolina has 52 colleges and universities, including three Tier-1 research universities, 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and 58 community college campuses, and is proud to host multiple innovation and educational partnerships with the military, including:

- US Special Operations Forces
- National Security Agency (NSA)
- 82nd & XVIIIth Airborne Corps
- Air Force's innovation element (AFWERX)
- National Security Innovation Network (NSIN)
- Hundreds of federally funded university R&D activities and centers of excellence

North Carolina also hosts numerous long-standing public-private partnerships that support the military and defense innovation, including:

- North Carolina Department of Commerce Office of Science, Technology, and Innovation (OSTI)
- North Carolina Biotechnology Center
- North Carolina Military Business Center
- North Carolina Defense Technology Transition Office
- Defense Alliance of North Carolina
- First Flight Venture Center

DEEP COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE

North Carolina is committed to supporting its military. The Military Affairs Commission and the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs advocate for North Carolina military bases, service members, their families, and the diverse industries that support them. These organizations have direct access to the Governor and state legislators. Additionally, North Carolina does not tax military retirement.

The state supports its growing national security innovation community in many ways, including:

- Availability of free defense-related small business counseling, collaboration, and education opportunities.
- Performance-based incentive programs to help companies that are locating to and doing business in North Carolina.
- A unique matching fund program for North Carolina companies that win federal small business innovation contracts.

OUR MILITARY PRESENCE

North Carolina is honored to have a long-established military presence with elite warfighters and a world-class education system that work hand-in-hand on a variety of partnerships. Our state is home to seven military installations, an Army Research office, as well as DoD, Army, and Air Force Innovation Offices.



With a strategic East Coast location, North Carolina offers four international airports, two deepwater seaports, as well as extensive rail, highway, and information technology systems.

UNMATCHED BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Named the Top State for Business in 2022 by CNBC, North Carolina is the ideal location for the defense industry. Here are just a few reasons why:

31,000+

STEM GRADUATES ANNUALLY

18,000+

VETERANS ENTER COMMERCIAL WORKFORCE ANNUALLY

#1

MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE
IN THE SOUTHEAST

2.5%
AND DECREASING

THE LOWEST CORPORATE INCOME TAX IN THE US AND
DECREASING UNTIL IT ULTIMATELY REACHES 0% IN 2030.

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