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## Aerospace Innovation Center

WHERE GEORGIANS SPREAD THEIR WINGS



*The Aerospace Innovation Center (AIC) is Georgia's one-stop shop for aerospace industry news, innovation and partnership opportunities. We connect companies, people and new technology to enhance the strategic value of Warner Robins Air Logistics Center – and to create opportunity for the state's highly skilled aerospace workforce.*

*Georgia is the 8th-ranked aerospace state in the nation, responsible for over \$4 billion in defense contracts and over \$1.1 billion in direct wages. Over 83,000 Georgians are employed directly by aerospace manufacturing and services throughout the state, from producing entire advanced aircraft to a myriad of critical subsystems that sustain and support them.*



*The Aerospace Innovation Center is deployed on three fronts that interact and support each other: Applied Research and Development, Education and Workforce Development, and Companies and Capital Development.*

### Applied Research & Development

Our team works with companies and academic institutions throughout the state to speed technology insertion efforts and to support our customers' needs, either by harnessing federal R&D funds, raising investment capital or by making direct state investments to close the business case for a promising new technology. By focusing on Georgia's aerospace supply chain, we improve our state's aerospace "exports" to customers throughout the nation.

### Education and Workforce Development

We work with industry to pre-identify skills shortages – and react to emerging demands for training and specialized skills development, including leveraging aerospace education programs to enrich the K-12 curriculum and inspire Georgia youth to study science, technology, engineering and math – and to consider pursuing exciting careers in Georgia's booming aerospace industry.



### Companies and Capital Development

AIC collaborates with Georgia's powerful county economic development authorities, chambers of commerce, and community leaders to bring new, complimentary aerospace employers and aerospace programs to Georgia. With our in-depth knowledge of aerospace programs and system requirements, we are able to target the best opportunities for our state, support prospects' training needs, and utilize specific incentives that "close the sale," creating new high-paying jobs for Georgians.

For more information about this program and the direct services we provide go to <http://aerospace.georgiainnovation.org>.

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