

# CHOOSE COLUMBUS

## GEORGIA



### For AEROSPACE

#### GOOD TO KNOW:

Eligibility for Georgia's Quick Start program is based on factors such as capital investment, impact on the local economy, number of jobs created, employee wage rate, and community involvement.

The Greater Columbus Region's location provides access to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, major aerospace manufacturing facilities, missile defense operations, and Florida's three space launch facilities.

Engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney maintains an engine overhaul facility, an engine testing facility, and a forging operation in Columbus.

Pratt & Whitney is expanding its Columbus presence and also strengthening its relationship with Columbus Technical College. The school offers several programs focused on aerospace mechanics and advanced manufacturing technologies to better support the company's growth.

Aerospace products are the number one export from Georgia at \$8.44 billion and the state ranks second for aircraft engines and parts exports in the U.S.

Source: Georgia Department of Economic Development

#### WHY THE COLUMBUS REGION FOR AEROSPACE?

The region offers highly-skilled workers who have access to best-in-class workforce training programs and world-class technical expertise from aerospace industry leader Pratt & Whitney.

The region benefits from access to aerospace manufacturers across the Southeast and skilled talent from exiting military personnel from Fort Benning.

#### Workforce & Training

Georgia's aerospace workforce is well-trained and ready for the future of unmanned systems. Qualified aerospace firms can scale their employee training needs anytime and place at no cost to them thanks to Quick Start, the nation's top workforce development program. Quick Start has extensive experience developing and delivering customized training for the advanced manufacturing industry, to include a wide range of aviation and aerospace programs. In addition, core skills such as quality, safety, precision measurement, process overview, blue prints/schematics, and assembly are offered in a just-in-time format through the local partnership with Columbus Technical College.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, within a two-hour drive from Columbus, is among the highest producers of aerospace graduates in the country, and Georgia has the second largest aerospace-related employment in the Southeast.

#### Top Georgia Aerospace Employers

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORP.	10,000
DELTA TECHOPS DIVISION	7,000
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORP.	6,000
PRATT & WHITNEY/COLUMBUS ENGINE CENTER	1,300
MEGGITT POLYMERS & COMPOSITES	1,200
TRIUMPH AEROSTRUCTURES-VOIGHT AIRCRAFT	800
THE BOEING CO.	600
NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP.	576
PCC AIRFOILS, LLC	535
JAC PRODUCTS, INC.	460

Note: Employment numbers reflect the employment of all Georgia locations  
Source: Aerospace Database, Georgia Power Community and Economic Development, 2016



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