



# CHOOSE COLUMBUS

## GEORGIA



### For DEFENSE

#### GOOD TO KNOW:

The Georgia Defense Exchange (GDx) is an interactive business development platform designed to assist Georgia businesses in finding new opportunities in Department of Defense (DoD) contracting and is a product of the Georgia Department of Economic Development's Defense Growth Initiative.

#### WHY THE COLUMBUS REGION FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS?

Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence is here, giving defense contractors access to influence generators and decision-makers on government contracts.

Approximately 13,000 military personnel and their spouses exit Fort Benning each year, ensuring a pool of well-trained and talented employees.

Students at Columbus State University have access to modeling and simulation, as well as robotics courses.

The Columbus Region couldn't be a better location for defense contractors. The region is home to Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence, which has approximately 40,000 military personnel, contractors and civilians working at the installation. Fort Benning is the intellectual center for the Infantry, Armor and Cavalry maneuver forces as well as one of the Army's premier training facilities.

Additionally, Fort Benning is the largest employer in the region with an estimated annual economic impact of nearly \$5 billion dollars. This strong military presence gives defense contractors the impetus they need to compete for government contracts and maintain the competitive advantage of a highly-skilled and trained workforce.

### Columbus Defense Contractor Modernization Hub

#### CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT:

- New Weapons and Technology Requirements
- Autonomous Unmanned Aerial and Ground Systems
- Future Concept Development
- Army Organizational Structure Experimentation
- Counter-Cyber Warfare
- Soldier Requirements Developer for Big Army

#### INFANTRY SCHOOL

Impacts All Soldier and Soldier Weapons Modernization Programs

#### ARMOR SCHOOL

Impacts Tank and Mobility Modernization Programs

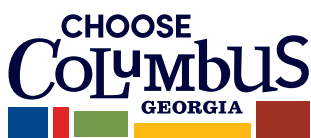


### Workforce & Training

Defense contractors in the Columbus Region have access to a highly skilled workforce of former military personnel ready for virtually all defense related areas. Approximately 13,000 military personnel and their spouses exit Fort Benning each year, providing a well-trained and talented pool of employees.

The Columbus Region is also home to the Research and Development Center for the Armor, Cavalry and Infantry force, which is linked academically with Auburn University, Columbus State University, the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. Students at Columbus State University have access to modeling and simulation as well as robotics courses for prospective defense contractor employees. Additionally, the Defense Technology program at Georgia Tech provides certification in nine defense technology areas, including modeling and simulation.

Defense contractors also have access to Georgia's Quick Start workforce training program through Columbus Technical College, giving qualified new and expanding defense-related companies free, comprehensive workforce solutions.



We do amazing.

1200 6th Avenue | P.O. Box 1200  
Columbus, GA 31902-1200  
**(706) 327-1566**  
www.choosecolumbusga.com