



Aurora EDC Aerospace

Aurora, Colorado Aerospace Industry *A Leader in Aerospace Development*

The aerospace and defense industry is a crucial component of Colorado's technology economy. Also, because of Colorado's geographical location, it provides one-bounce satellite communications to Europe and Asia, and because of our Mountain time zone Colorado companies can efficiently conduct business with both continents during the same business day.

Colorado has approximately 24,740 private-sector aerospace and defense workers in nearly 120 companies that develop products from launch vehicles and satellites to command and control software, sensors, and navigation equipment. If you add suppliers and related businesses, Colorado has 163,230 workers in more than 400 businesses statewide according to the Colorado Space Coalition. Military aerospace personnel is also strong in Colorado with more than 28,700 direct workers (9,610 at Aurora's Buckley Air Force Base alone). In fact, aerospace and defense employment grew 6.5 percent in the state from 2005 to 2010; the national growth for the same period was 2.0 percent. Aerospace companies accounted for 1.2 percent of Colorado's total employment base, compared with a 0.3 percent concentration nationally.

Colorado ranks first in the nation for its 2010 concentration of private-sector aerospace employment (24,740). The 2009 average salary for an aerospace and defense worker is \$108,930 (\$88,420 nationwide). A total of \$2.8 billion was spent in 2008 for Colorado's aerospace payroll. There are 28,470 military personnel located within the state for a total of 54,340 direct jobs in the state.

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The Aurora/Denver metro region ranked first out of the 50 largest metro areas for private aerospace employment with 19,170 workers. And Aurora is a major driver in the aerospace industry in Colorado - more than one-third of Colorado's direct aerospace jobs are located in the city and at Buckley Air Force Base.

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is a critical anchor tenant in our Colorado business base. This relationship is bolstered through our work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Colorado hosts numerous laboratories that produce outstanding space science as a result of federal funds and our state's private space companies. The University of Colorado is the single largest recipient of NASA university research dollars in the nation.

Aurora's Buckley Air Force Base announced the base's economic impact for 2010 and that it and remains well above the \$1 billion mark for a sixth year in a row, according to the 460th Comptroller Squadron. With more than 77 tenant organizations on the installation, Buckley continues to be the fastest growing Air Force base in the nation. It provides everything from services for military members and their families to superior global surveillance, worldwide missile warning and expeditionary forces for combatant commanders, and support to Homeland Defense missions.

The Aurora Economic Development Council is a member of the Colorado Space Coalition, a group of stakeholders in the Colorado space industry whose efforts support and promote the industry regionally and nationally. The Aurora Economic Development Council is also a leading member of the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, an organization that creates venues for large and small aerospace companies to interact and identify mutually beneficial business opportunities. CSBR's premier event is the annual Colorado Space Roundup, which brings together more than 200 of Colorado's most prominent military, government, and private space industry leaders for panel discussions.



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The Aurora Economic Development Council was an active participant as a member of the Colorado Space Coalition and the Colorado Space Business Roundtable at the 27th National Space Symposium in Colorado Springs in April 2011. The symposium brought together a record number attendance of more than 9,000 top civil, commercial, and military leaders of the space industry to discuss critical issues affecting space exploration, space commerce and national security.

In the Company of Leaders

Aurora is home to numerous aerospace primes listed below. In fact, they are all ranked in Aurora's largest 25 private employers with Raytheon Company being the city's second largest private employer with 2,140 employees.



The Boeing Company

Development and implementation of networks and communications systems, digital information storage systems, and enterprise management systems – 270 employees in Aurora. www.boeing.com



Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company

Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, one of the units of Lockheed Martin Corporation, designs, develops, tests, manufactures and operates a variety of advanced technology systems for military, civil and commercial customers including products for space launch and ground systems, remote sensing and communications satellites for commercial and government customers, advanced space observatories and interplanetary spacecraft, fleet ballistic missiles and missile defense systems – 760 employees in Aurora. www.lockheedmartin.com

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Northrop Grumman Mission Systems applies the latest technology to complex information processing and management challenges, specializing in the systems development, engineering, integration, operations and maintenance. The sector's capabilities span web-based systems, networking, database management, data warehousing and geographic information systems – 830 employees in Aurora. www.northropgrumman.com



Raytheon Company

Raytheon develops and deploys information and data management systems that fly satellites, manage space-based assets and facilitate global communication – 2,140 employees in Aurora. www.raytheon.com



Accelerate Colorado

An affiliate of the Aurora Economic Development Council, Accelerate Colorado, is a partnership between business and local governments in Colorado that works with the U.S. Congress and key federal leadership on issues critical to the state's economic development, top industries, and business community. Accelerate Colorado works year-round to build consensus among the state's local governments and business leaders in order to present a unified, comprehensive agenda at the federal level for the economic benefit of the state as a whole. Accelerate Colorado conducts an annual business mission to Washington, D.C. www.acceleratecolorado.com



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