

THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IS FLYING HIGH IN MONTANA

Aerospace technology represents one of Montana's fastest growing industrial sectors. Currently, there are approximately sixty Montana companies involved in a diverse range of aerospace technology activities including research and development, manufacturing, and remote sensing. Additionally, the Montana University System is involved in a number of advanced aerospace technology research projects for both NASA and the Department of Defense (DoD).



Montana companies are involved in the research and development of a number of aerospace technologies. Examples include the advanced hypersonic flight, aerospace power/propulsion, and automated sensor and control technologies being developed by MSE Technology Applications in Butte; advanced thermal protection systems, coatings, and gelled propellants being developed by Resodyn Corporation in Butte; electronic data conversion software being developed by Synesis Seven in Butte; and advanced laser crystals being developed by both FLIR Corporation and S2 Corporation in Bozeman.

Examples of aerospace-related manufacturers in Montana include Summit Engineering of Helena who is providing unique components for the nation's newest fighter aircraft; S&K Electronics of Pablo who is fabricating electronic circuitry for NASA, DoD, and aerospace prime contractors; and CM Manufacturing of Missoula who is manufacturing high-strength parts for various aircraft applications. Additionally, Sikorsky Helicopter Corporation is currently developing a new Engineering Design Center in Bozeman.

Remote sensing represents another growing sector within Montana's aerospace technology community. Examples in this sector include GCS Research of Missoula who is providing geospatial information technology for both civil and defense applications, Environmental Systems Research Institute of Missoula who is a leader in the Geographical Information System industry, and Lupine Logic of Missoula who provides various Geodigital-Multimedia products.

Additionally, Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls is home to 200 operational Minuteman Missiles. These Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) have served as the nation's "first-line-of-defense" since the early 1960's and were a major factor in ending the "Cold-War." Malmstrom's missiles and associated facilities are currently being upgraded and modernized, thereby ensuring that Montana will continue to be a major contributor to the nation's defense for many years to come.

Montana's aerospace community has established the Montana Aerospace Development Association (MADA), which is a non-profit organization that encourages and promotes aerospace technology-related economic development in the State. This is being accomplished by building on existing aerospace technology activities in Montana and by building business in new "cutting-edge" technology industries. High paying job opportunities continue to be created and high tech businesses are growing because of our accelerated aerospace technology related research, development, and commercialization throughout Montana.

We welcome you and your company to come see what Montana's growing industry has to offer. We think you're going to love it here!

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Rancher. Scientist. International businessman. Governor of the State of Montana.

Meet the new face of business in Montana.

You already know why people choose the "good life" here—stunning landscapes, unrivaled outdoor recreation, small-town simplicity, abundant wildlife, and a vibrant quality of life rich in wild-west traditions.

But did you know that Montana also provides an unbeatable setting for pro-business opportunities of all kinds and sizes?

And now Montanans have chosen a governor who embodies the spirit of hard work, a "can-do" attitude, and success in entrepreneurship. It's a new day in Montana, and Governor Brian Schweitzer is making national headlines for good reason: During his short tenure in office, his forward thinking, enthusiastic ideas have cast the spotlight on Montana as a great place to do business.

Greetings from Big Sky Country, Whether you're starting a new venture, or relocating or expanding your existing business, Montana has what you are looking for. Need a few reasons? How about:

- The Milken Institute recently ranked the state of Montana as having the fourth lowest cost of doing business in the nation
- Financial incentives including workforce training grants, low-interest loans, tax credits, and technical assistance
- A highly motivated and educated workforce
- Low, pro-business tax rates
- Diverse innovators and established industries that include natural resources, high-technology, healthcare, energy production, service-related businesses, agriculture, entertainment and tourism

I invite you to call us. My dedicated staff and I are committed to helping you grow your business in the Great State of Montana. You can realize your dream under our big skies!

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