



NORTH CAROLINA: THE FRONTLINE OF THE FUTURE

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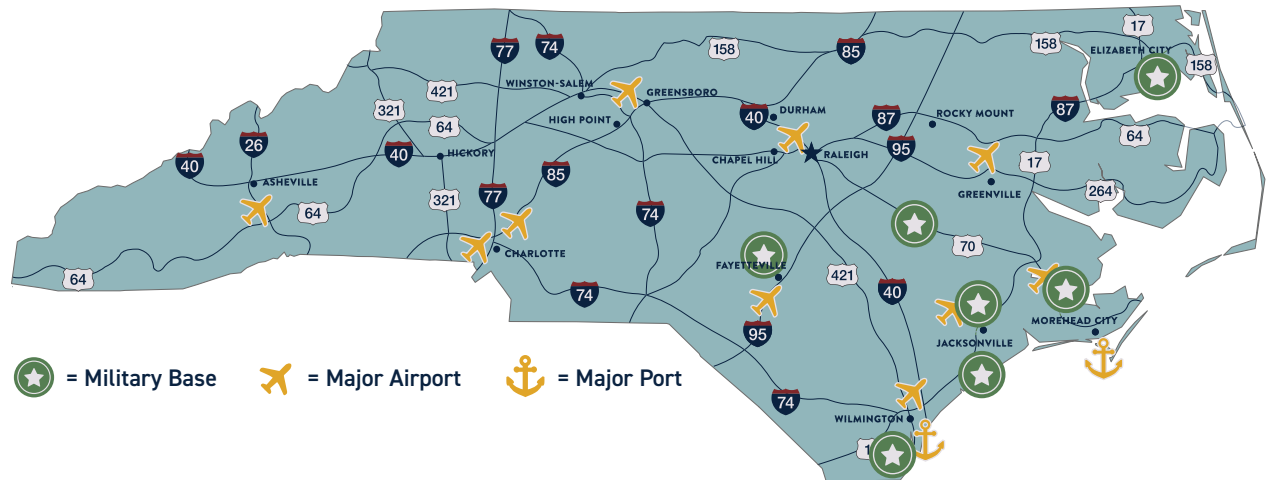
NORTH CAROLINA YOUR MISSION IS OUR MISSION

#1 BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS
(Forbes 2017,2018,2019)

2 OF THE TOP 5 TECH HUBS
IN THE NATION

4TH LARGEST ACTIVE-DUTY
MILITARY POPULATION

#1 NATION'S HIGHEST SHARE OF INDUSTRY
FUNDED UNIVERSITY RESEARCH



UNMATCHED BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

The lowest corporate income tax in the US makes North Carolina a smart location for defense contractors. And the low cost of doing business makes our state even more defense industry-friendly – from building costs 16% below the national average, electricity costs 10% below the national average, and cost of living up to 11% below the national average in major metropolitan areas.

Plus, North Carolina's prime location on the eastern seaboard, with four international airports, two deepwater seaports and extensive rail, highway and information technology systems provide unparalleled infrastructure and market access.



**TOP-NOTCH INNOVATION
ECOSYSTEM**



**DEEP DOD/ INDUSTRY/
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS**



**EXPANSIVE COMMITMENT
TO NATIONAL DEFENSE**



TOP-NOTCH INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

North Carolina is home to a thriving technology workforce. Our IT sector is growing more than twice as fast as the national average. Home to the nation's largest research park (RTP) and boasting one of the top tech talent markets in North America, your company will have access to exceptional technology and game-changing innovations. And we're proud to rank #2 in the nation for percentage of women in the technology workforce.

Of course, the focus on technology, innovation and emerging industry isn't surprising given North Carolina's highly educated workforce. Our 53 colleges and universities, 58 community colleges, and 10 HBCUs, turn out more than 18,000 STEM graduates and award 150,000+ post-secondary degrees and certificates each year. In fact, the state has seen 70% patent growth over the past 10 years.

Blue-chip companies doing defense-related work in North Carolina include:

- IBM
- RedHat
- Lenovo
- Citrix
- CISCO
- SAS
- GE Aviation
- Collins Aerospace
- Honeywell
- Lockheed Martin
- General Motors
- Northrop Grumman
- Raytheon
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- General Dynamics
- BAE Systems
- RTI International



DOD/INDUSTRY/ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

North Carolina offers many valuable university and industry partnerships with the Department of Defense and the Intelligence communities, including the US Army Special Operations Command, the Joint Special Operations Command, the National Security Agency, and more. These long-standing relationships, combined with a robust defense industrial base that invest heavily in future technologies, make NC a premier location for defense companies and DoD innovation initiatives.

North Carolina boasts the highest share of industry-funded research in the US. Our universities lead innovation with centers of excellence in key defense-related fields, and North Carolina's private sector has made significant investments in R&D for cyber security, artificial intelligence and machine learning, human performance, advanced engineering, electronics, biomedical and aerospace advancements, to name just a few.

National Centers of Excellence Leaders in:

- Analytic science
- Cyber
- Textiles
- Energy production
- Self-powered sensors
- Human nutrition and performance
- 5G platform for advanced wireless research
- Additive manufacturing and logistics



EXPANSIVE COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE

With 7 major military bases, 100,000+ active duty military population, and 18,000+ military members transitioning to the commercial workforce every year, North Carolina is committed to supporting our military members and their families now and in the future.

North Carolina provides statewide offices, such as the Military Affairs Commission and the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, that facilitate military-related matters. And the state actively supports public/private partnerships that provide resources for both the military and defense-related industry and promote the development of cutting-edge defense technologies through organizations such as the NC Department of Commerce Technology Innovation Board, the NC Biotechnology Center, the North Carolina Military Business Center, and the Defense Alliance of North Carolina among others.

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