

## Best in Defense

Welcome to Northeast Indiana, where **industry leaders** join forces with **high-quality talent** to ensure the safety and advancement of our **nation**. Northeast Indiana makes everything from reliable **aircraft electronics** and **groundbreaking wireless networking systems** to **innovative sonobuoys** and **battlefield software**.

### • DID YOU KNOW?



Indiana has the **highest concentration** of **manufacturing jobs** in the **nation** among states competing for defense contracts.



Every second, **somewhere in the world**, an aircraft lands or takes off with **control systems made or maintained in Northeast Indiana**.



Northeast Indiana is home to **hundreds of Department of Defense suppliers** and service providers.



Northeast Indiana is about 225 miles from **six** of the top **15 engineering schools in the nation**.



Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) has a nearly **12,000-foot runway** and a **cargo-sort facility**. It also serves as a foreign trade zone (**FTZ #182**).



PWC named Indiana the **6th** most attractive state for **aerospace manufacturing attractiveness**.



“Northeast Indiana is a national leader in **defense manufacturing** and **engineering talent**. Hoosiers in the third district create advanced **satellites, sonobuoys to detect submarines, electronic warfare technologies** and more to protect our country. As a leader on the House Armed Services Committee, I have firsthand knowledge of the **importance and ingenuity of the national security work in our community.**”

**U.S. CONGRESSMAN JIM BANKS**  
 United States Representative

### • MAJOR EMPLOYERS



# DEFENSE + AEROSPACE MADE BETTER

## TALENT MADE BETTER

In Northeast Indiana, we know that our **defense** and **aerospace** companies require the **nation's best talent**. And we are committed to providing it. Coupling our **certified training programs** with **higher-education engineering** and **IT degrees**, we are ensuring local defense and aerospace businesses have the **talent pipeline** they need.



Northeast Indiana **employs 10,800 residents** in **defense** and **aerospace**.



The region is home to more than **38,000 engineers**, which is **46%** higher than the national average.



Northeast Indiana is known for its top **engineering** programs at **Purdue University Fort Wayne** and **Trine University**.

## BUSINESS CLIMATE MADE BETTER



Leaders from top companies formed the **Northeast Indiana Defense Industry Association (NIDIA)**, working together to **enhance the region's talent pipeline** in the defense and aerospace industry.



The **122nd Fighter Wing** in Fort Wayne employs approximately 1,000 individuals and creates over **\$77 million** in economic impact.

## INVESTMENT MADE BETTER



In 2020, **BAE Systems** purchased Collins Aerospace's military GPS business from Raytheon Technologies Corporation for **\$1.9 billion** with a commitment to continue to do business in Fort Wayne because of access to **top talent**.



In 2021, L3Harris Technologies completed a **45,000-square-foot** expansion in Fort Wayne, hiring **100 new employees**. Since 2018, L3Harris has invested over **\$50 million** in its Fort Wayne facility.

## A REGION MADE BETTER



The Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership is a business-led organization that offers free services to companies looking to expand or relocate.

Visit our website to contact us and learn more about why **Business is Made Better** in Northeast Indiana.



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