

Aviation, Aerospace & Defense

ORLANDO

YOU DON'T KNOW
THE HALF OF IT.®



BY THE NUMBERS

230  companies

26,300  employees

5,288  annual graduates

\$744M  in annual payroll

Known as the Modeling, Simulation and Training (MS&T) capital of the world, Orlando is home to the simulation commands for the Army and Navy and has a significant presence of the Air Force and Marines. In total, more than \$6 billion in annual simulation contracts flow through the region, the majority of which is awarded to local companies and subcontractors.

Orlando is also at the center of an enormous cluster of aviation, aerospace and defense companies. The top seven companies on the *Fortune 500* list all have operations – including major manufacturing operations – in or near Orlando.

INDUSTRY LEADERS

- AVT Simulation
- BBA // Signature Flight Support
- Carley Corporation
- Cessna
- FlightSafety International
- JetBlue Airways
- Kaman Precision Products
- Kratos Training Solutions
- L-3 Airline Academy
- L-3 Communications - Advanced Laser Systems
- Leidos
- Lockheed Martin
- Northrop Grumman
- Raytheon Technical Services Company
- SAIC
- Thales
- The DiSTI Corporation
- Wipaire

Source: JobsEQ, Chumura Economics Q1 2019

INFRASTRUCTURE

Orlando International Airport (MCO)

- **2nd best largest airport** in the U.S. (*Wall Street Journal*, 2018)
- **1st in traveler satisfaction** for two years in a row (2017-18, J.D. Power Award)
- **\$3.1 billion expansion** of new South Terminal expansion underway

Orlando Executive Airport (ORL)

- Centralized location **three miles** from the heart of downtown Orlando
- Situated on **1,056 acres** with two runways

Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB)

- Among the **100 busiest airports** in the U.S.
- Florida's **largest foreign trade zone designation** – encompassing SFB as well as the Port of Sanford, Sanford Central Park and other industrial parks/sites
- **Major interstate access** by Interstate 4 and the Central Florida GreeneWay (S.R. 417)

Leesburg International Airport (LEE)

- Includes a **U.S. customs and border inspection office** and an **industrial zone** to accommodate small industrial cargo
- Located near one of the **country's fastest growing seaplane bases**, the City of Tavares

Kissimmee Gateway Airport (ISM)

- **Closest general aviation airport** to convention centers and Orlando's world-class attractions
- New Aerospace Advancement Initiative providing cash economic development incentives
- Over 100 acres of land available - many shovel ready sites

Virgin Trains

- Future route will include **235 miles** beginning from **Miami to Fort Lauderdale to West Palm Beach** and ending at the **Orlando International Airport** by 2021

SunRail

- **32-mile, 12-station** system debuted in 2014 and will connect all of the Orlando region with **five more stations**, covering **30 more miles** by 2020

Port Canaveral

- World's only **quadramodal foreign trade zone**, interchanging freight among sea, land, air and space



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lockheed Martin is building a new, 255,000-square-foot research and development facility in Orlando. This is in addition to the 7,000+ Lockheed Martin employees already here.

Aerostar Training Services is building a \$1.5 million building addition to its 18,000-square-foot hangar at the Kissimmee Gateway Airport. The expansion will feature a new state-of-the-art aircraft maintenance facility.

BBA/ Signature Flight Support, the world's largest network of Fixed Base Operators, moved its headquarters to downtown Orlando, keeping 200 jobs and expanding by 70 new employees.

Allegiant Air is building a new \$24 million East Coast training center near the Orlando Sanford International Airport that will train hundreds of employees each year.

Jetezy, Inc. is opening its global headquarters in Seminole County, creating 50 high-wage jobs over two years and making a \$5.4 million capital investment in the region.



WHY ORLANDO?

1. **Strong talent pipeline.** Orlando's labor pool of more than 1.2 million people is well prepared to meet the needs of any employer. Orlando also has plentiful talent with more than 500,000 students within a 100-mile radius.
2. **Top-ranked infrastructure.** Named among the Top 10 large cities in the U.S. for infrastructure (fDi Magazine, 2016), Orlando has perfected the art of getting to and from here with 72 million visitors per year and more than \$10 billion in planned or current improvements underway.
3. **Variety of real estate options.** Orlando offers a diverse array of commercial and industrial real estate choices giving companies any option they can dream up.
4. **Great environment for business.** Orlando is in a state that is both right-to-work and with no personal income tax. Orlando also offers a business-friendly climate complete with competitive incentives and unique opportunities for partnership and collaboration.
5. **Unbeatable quality of life.** The region provides a rich lifestyle for residents through cultural opportunities, arts, fashion, music, amateur and professional sports, abundant recreational activities and year-round flying weather.

"We think Orlando is an ideal location to grow our footprint and employment base given the city's diverse, strong talent pipeline, available and affordable land with room to grow, and low taxes."

- Frank St. John, Executive Vice
President of Lockheed Martin Missile
and Fire Control (MFC) Division



EDUCATION LEADERS

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Daytona State College
- Eastern Florida State College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Full Sail University
- Lake-Sumter State College
- Seminole State College
- Southern Technical College
- University of Central Florida
- Valencia College

MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & OVERHAUL (MRO)

- Aerospace Dynamics
- AMI Aviation Services
- Cessna Citation Service Center
- Skybolt Aeromotive
- Silver Airways
- United Airlines

MODELING, SIMULATION & TRAINING

- Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation (U.S. Air Force)
- FlightSafety International
- Indra Systems
- Lockheed Martin
- Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (U.S. Navy)
- Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training & Instrumentation (U.S. Army)
- Program Manager Training Systems (U.S. Marine Corps)
- Raytheon Technical Services Company
- Rockwell Collins

ABOUT THE ORLANDO ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

The Orlando Economic Partnership is a public-private, not-for-profit economic and community development organization that works to advance broad-based prosperity by strengthening Orlando's economy, amplifying Orlando's story, championing regional priorities, empowering community leaders and building a brilliant region. These five foundational objectives serve to improve the region's competitiveness while responding to the needs of communities, residents and businesses.

175+

NON-STOP DESTINATIONS:
ORLANDO TO THE WORLD

#1

IN THE U.S. FOR JOB
GROWTH IN 2015-2018

#4

BEST TAX CLIMATE
IN THE U.S.

#2

BEST STATE
FOR BUSINESS
(Chief Executive
Magazine)

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Unbeatable quality of life. The region provides a rich lifestyle for residents through cultural opportunities, arts, fashion, music, amateur and professional sports, favorable weather and abundant recreational activities. Florida has an affordable cost of living.



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