

# HERE, THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT.

## UNBELIEVABLY REAL

Orlando is at the center of an enormous cluster of aerospace and defense companies. The majority of the top ten aerospace and defense companies on the Fortune 500 list all have operations—including major manufacturing facilities—in or near Orlando.

### 3,300+

Payrolled Business Locations  
*Lightcast, Q1 2024 Data Set (QCEW)*

### 59,000+

Jobs in the Aviation, Aerospace  
& Defense Industries  
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### 7,500+

Annual Graduates within 100 Miles  
*Lightcast, IPEDS, 2022*

#### FEATURED EMPLOYERS



BLUE ORIGIN



NORTHROP GRUMMAN



THALES

#### INDUSTRY ASSETS

Orlando's established industry cluster has grown due to supportive R&D and industry partners.

- **TEAM Orlando:** Team Orlando is a unique, collaborative alliance of leading U.S. military organizations working in modeling, simulation and training in Orlando.
- **Naval Support Activity Orlando:** Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando opened in 1988 as the home of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) Orlando. NAWCTSD Orlando is the Navy's principal center for modeling, simulation, and training systems technologies.
- **Central Florida Research Park:** Central Florida Research Park is the 6th largest research park in the U.S. and offers a variety of office, flex and build-to-suit space for companies that want to work closely with UCF.

#### MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS



Lockheed Martin completed the construction of its latest R&D facility in under one year

THALES

Thales expanded to Orlando adding 173 new jobs and \$6.6 million manufacturing facility

#### TALENT PIPELINE

Orlando universities offer specialized programs dedicated to preparing the aerospace and defense workforce. Applicable programs include:

- **University of Central Florida (UCF)** Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- **Eastern Florida State College** Aerospace Technology Program
- **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. programs for Aerospace Engineering
- **Florida Institute of Technology** B.S. in Aerospace Engineering

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