

Leading the nation in tourism and *photonics*.

ORLANDO

YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT.®

Orlando has developed a uniquely competitive position for optics and photonics companies due to its longstanding history working to take man to the moon. The region's proximity to the nation's Space Coast as well as assets like the University of Central Florida's College of Optics & Photonics (CREOL) and Central Florida Research Park give companies a competitive advantage compared to other cities around the world.

FEATURED EMPLOYERS



TALENT PIPELINE

Orlando universities offer specialized programs dedicated to preparing a skilled workforce for its optics and photonics cluster. Applicable schools and programs include:

- **University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Optics & Photonics (CREOL)**
- **Center for Laser and Fiber Optics Education (LASER-TEC) at Indian River State College**
- **Wekiva High School's Laser Photonics Academy**

INDUSTRY ASSETS

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

- Florida Photonics Cluster
- The Florida High Tech Corridor
- Florida Solar Energy Center
- NeoCity's versatile 200mm fabrication facility
- imec R&D lab focused imaging and sensing technology
- UCF's Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center

"Orlando is **one of only four** major optics & photonics clusters in the U.S. It's like a **Silicon Valley** here in **Orlando** focused on optics and photonics technology."

- **STEVE BUCKLEY, PH.D.**
General Manager at Ocean Insight



Less Than An Hour Drive to Florida's Space Coast

City of Orlando's Central Business District



UCF is No. 1 Aerospace and Defense Workforce Supplier

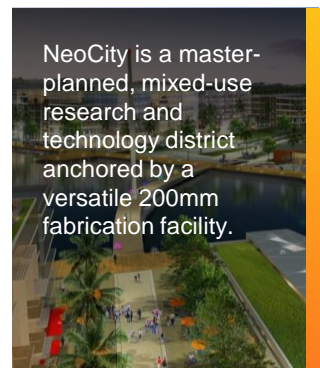
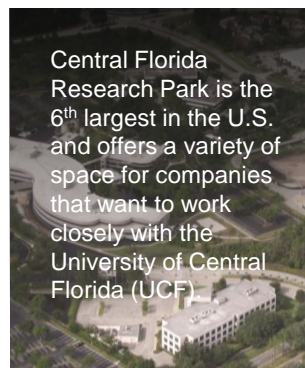
Aviation Week, 2015-20



40,000+ Qualified Tech Workers in Orlando

JobsEQ, Q3 2021


KEY LOCATIONS



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