

Check out Spokane's Aerospace Advantages

While the Puget Sound region seems to have a firm foothold in aerospace, Spokane County has the state's second largest number of aerospace suppliers, along with a fifty year history as a provider of state-of-the-art aerospace training and education. In the past decade, suppliers have experienced tremendous growth in supporting the competitive aero-structures and interiors segments of the global aerospace industry.

The Spokane region's aerospace suppliers number more than 240, with over 7,000 employees. This ranks as the eighth largest region for aerospace employment in the United States, and has grown by 50% in the past ten years. We foresee increased growth in the future as the aerospace industry continues to grow worldwide, and new companies take a look at our region's advantages.

Spokane's Advantages

– Excellent STEM education and programs

Spokane STEM is a collaborative effort of K-12, higher education, business and non-profits to further sciences, technology, engineering and math learning and innovation in Spokane County. This organization is focused on the following:

- Community awareness to grow the importance and understanding of STEM education
- Professional development for existing and new teachers in state-of-the-art STEM educational practices
- Innovation in instruction and school models
- Postsecondary access and completion to increase the number of students pursuing STEM

– Proximity to universities offering engineering disciplines and graduate programs

With six great universities and colleges in the immediate area, Spokane has a well-trained and ready workforce. Spokane is home to a full spectrum of opportunities in both public and private higher education, from two-year certificates to doctoral degrees.

Over 62,000 students study at area colleges and universities within a 75-mile radius of Spokane, building the talent pool for the region. Spokane's workforce numbers approximately 230,000 and the 20-30 year olds are the largest group, an unusual asset in a top

100 MSA.

Each of our local institutions offers unique programs supporting the aerospace industry, from aviation maintenance technology, avionics and electronics programs at our community colleges, to a wide array of engineering programs at the four year universities, which graduate more than 900 students each year.

– Proximity to an aviation-related military base

Fairchild Air Force Base is located 12 miles west of downtown Spokane, and is easily accessed via U.S. 2, which is a four lane highway. Fairchild's mission is to support America's war fighter with global reach and agile combat support. The base is home to nearly 6,000 men and women. The largest single unit on the base, with over 900 airmen, is assigned to aircraft maintenance. Fairchild also has the distinction of being the number two last requested duty station for Air Force members, following Hickam AFB, located on O'ahu.

– Convenient airport and runway access

Spokane International Airport (SIA) is comprised of over 7,000 acres of land, with nearly 1,600-acres of non-aeronautical land identified for release and available for lease or purchase. Aeronautical land allows access to the runway environment, and is available for lease on

a long-term basis, defined by the FAA as a total of 50-years. The Airport is jointly owned by the City and County of Spokane, and is operated by a Board of seven appointees from both entities. Spokane international Airport's Terminal building is three miles east of Fairchild's main gate, however, the

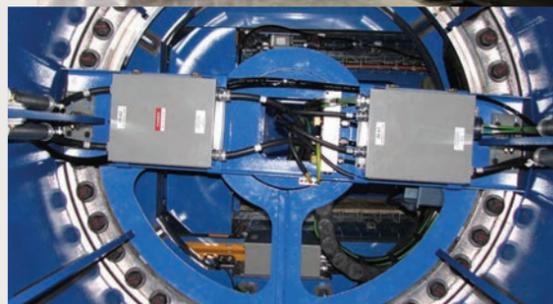
western edge of the Airport's land holdings border Fairchild's eastern boundary.

Weather and Safety

Spokane is the sixth safest city in the US from natural disasters, including hurricanes, earthquakes and tornados. The area is also considered low risk for floods and other climatic effects, having had no interstate, freeway or primary road closures in the past 20 years.

Join these aerospace companies that are experiencing the Spokane Advantage: Parker Aerospace; Kaiser Aluminum; Triumph Composite Systems; UTC Aerospace Systems; Honeywell; Exotic Metals Forming Company; Inland Northwest Lighthouse.

Wemco aerospace parts and tooling



Spokane's Aerospace Advantages

Spokane is the optimal aerospace manufacturing location. With a 200-acre site ready and approved for development, a workforce that is highly skilled in advanced manufacturing and aerospace industries, a cost of doing business 18% below the national average and only a short one-hour plane ride to Boeing's final assembly line, no wonder 240+ aerospace companies call the Spokane Region home. You should, too.

