



IDAHO'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY



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AEROSPACE COMPANIES ARE THRIVING IN IDAHO, AND THEIR INNOVATIONS CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S ECONOMY.

Idaho's industry leaders like Quest Aircraft, Empire Airlines, and AGC Aero Composites find that Idaho offers many competitive advantages, like a ready workforce, a pro-business climate, financial incentives, and a

low cost of doing business. Idaho's varied terrain and high-tech capabilities make the state an ideal location for the research, development, and testing of aviation-related products.

FLIGHT FACTS

- Idaho's aerospace industry has grown by nearly 40% over the past 20 years.
- Idaho's aerospace businesses span aircraft operations; maintenance; parts manufacturing; and aircraft assembly.
- Idaho is home to more than 200 aerospace companies, 25 of which are manufacturers of parts and products.
- Northern Idaho is the epicenter of the state's aerospace development.



IDAHO'S AEROSPACE LEADERS

AGC AeroComposites (Hayden) engineers and produces lightweight composite parts for NASA, the U.S. Army, Airbus and Boeing, among others.

Empire Airlines (Hayden) is an international carrier that also offers airline start-up consulting, feeder services, and aircraft maintenance.

Quest Aircraft Company (Sandpoint) manufactures the KODIAK, a turboprop specializing in modern backcountry operations.

Tamarack Aerospace Group (Sandpoint) designs winglets and other aerodynamic solutions for clients such as Boeing.

Titan Spring, Inc., (Hayden) produces custom, high-tolerance springs for many segments of the aerospace industry.

Western Aircraft (Boise), the Pacific Northwest's largest aircraft services company, provides aircraft maintenance, interiors overhauls, avionics installation, aircraft/parts sales and chartered flights.



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A READY WORKFORCE

Idaho's educational and military institutions are preparing Idaho's workforce and providing R&D capacity for the industry:

- North Idaho College offers an aerospace manufacturing and training program, one of five in the nation that was recognized as outstanding by The Boeing Company.
- Idaho State University's aircraft maintenance program is one of only a handful of schools combining classroom instruction with live work on customer aircraft.
- Idaho PTECH offers high-school students the opportunity to earn aerospace-specific certificates and on-the-job work experience.
- Mountain Home Air Force Base and the Idaho Air National Guard employ 5,900 employees who are ready to enter the aerospace industry with advanced training.

IDAHO'S ACCESS TO MARKETS

Idaho offers direct access to the I-90 and I-15 corridors, along with up to 15 direct flights from Boise and Spokane to Seattle, allowing for easy access for companies like Boeing to work with their 37 Idaho business partners.

Idaho's proximity to Boeing production facilities and operations means that we're strategically positioned to play an increased role in the company's extensive supply and value chains.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION

You'll pay no state sales tax on installed aircraft parts, raw materials, labor, and manufacturing equipment.

IDAHO TAX REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE

Eligible companies could receive a tax credit of up to 30% on new income, payroll, and sales taxes for up to 15 years.

IDAHO BUSINESS ADVANTAGE

Incentives are for qualified investments of over \$500K employing 10 or more employees at \$40K annual salary with each additional employee making an average of \$15.50 per hour.

- 3.75% credit on all tangible personal property
- 25% rebate on sales tax for new facility construction materials
- 2.5% tax credit on investment in new plants and buildings
- Up to 100% property tax exemption up to five years



AEROSPACE SPOTLIGHT

Originally developed to meet the extraordinary demands of humanitarian aviation, Quest Aircraft's KODIAK turboprop is now in service around the globe with charter and corporate operators, personal owners, skydiving operations, and governments. It can take off in under 1,000 feet at full gross weight and climb more than 1,300 feet a minute. At touchdown, it needs only 705 feet to bring the full gross weight of 7,305 pounds to a stop—even on rough, bumpy strips or gravel riverbeds.

IDAHO AEROSPACE ALLIANCE

The Idaho Aerospace Alliance is made up of manufacturers located within the state that support both the commercial and defense aerospace industries. This organization has developed strategic alliances with the education community along with various state agencies to build the aerospace industry within the state.



WESTERN AIRCRAFT'S BOISE EXPANSION

Thanks in part to a state tax exemption on installed aircraft parts, Western Aircraft was able to expand its Boise facilities by 26,000 square feet. The new buildings accommodate expanded parts storage and support shops for the company's service operations.

"I really can't imagine a better place to grow our business, and this growth has been driven in large part by the sales tax exemption bill passed in 2012. It has opened the door for us to expand our capabilities and market reach and increase our footprint here in Boise."

- Jeff Mihalic, President, Western Aircraft