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Idaho's aerospace industry has grown by nearly 31% since 2001.

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 Unitech Aerospace Composites find Idaho offers many competitive advantages, like a ready workforce, a pro-business climate 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, manufacturing and testing of aviation-related products.

## INDUSTRY LEADERS

### Aviation Specialties

**Unlimited** (Boise) is the leading provider of aviation night vision technology for public and civil aviation operations.

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

### Unitech Composites

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

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

Did you know?

Idaho has low levels of congestion in airspace users, making our state an optimal location for both private pilots and military missions.

Our aerospace businesses span across aircraft operations, maintenance, parts manufacturing and aircraft assembly.





# Quick Facts on the Idaho Aerospace Industry

# 160

Establishments

# 2,500

Jobs

# \$66,200

Average Wage

# 41%

10yr Projected  
Growth Rate



## 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 recognized as outstanding by The Boeing Company.

Idaho State University's aircraft maintenance program is one of a handful of schools combining classroom instruction with live work on customer aircraft.

Mountain Home Air Force Base and the Idaho Air National Guard employ **10,400 employees** who are ready to enter the aerospace industry with advanced training.



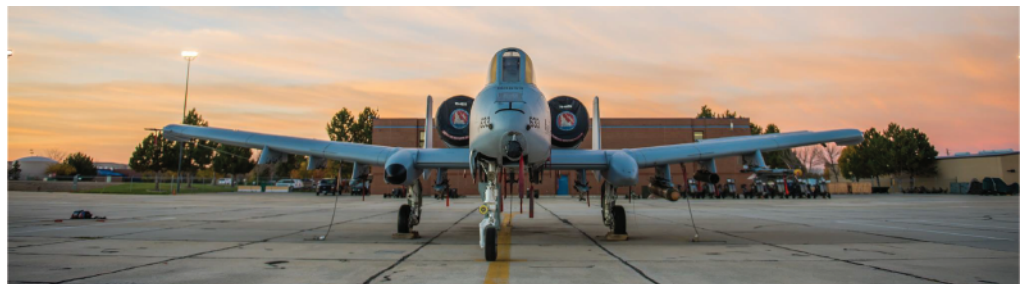
## ACCESS TO MARKETS

Idaho offers direct access to the I-90 and I-15 corridors, along with **34 direct flights** from Boise and Spokane to Seattle, allowing easy access for companies like Boeing to work with their **37 Idaho business partners**.

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

## IDAHO AEROSPACE ALLIANCE

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



## QUEST AIRCRAFT 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 per 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.

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