

# AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE



## UNMATCHED ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Aerospace and defense companies choose Arlington, VA to be a part of the most robust aerospace ecosystem in the nation. Anchored by the largest buyer of aerospace goods and services in the world, the Department of Defense, and supported by key defense research agencies like Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and Office of Naval Research (ONR), the proximity and access Arlington offers is unmatched. Additionally, Arlington is only minutes from federal agencies, including Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).



## HOME TO INDUSTRY LEADERS

Eight of the top 10 defense contractors maintain a significant presence in Arlington, including corporate headquarters for Boeing and Raytheon. Also headquartered here are Airbus U.S. Space & Defense and Leonardo DRS. These large corporations often serve as prime contractors for major aerospace and defense programs, while providing subcontracting opportunities for small businesses. In FY 2023, Northern Virginia companies were awarded nearly \$95 billion in federal contracts, exceeding California and Texas. (Source: USAspending.gov)



### Customer Demand

The Department of Defense awards nearly two-thirds of federal contracts by value



### Top State for Business

Ranked one of the best states for business by CNBC in consecutive rankings



### Tech Talent Hub

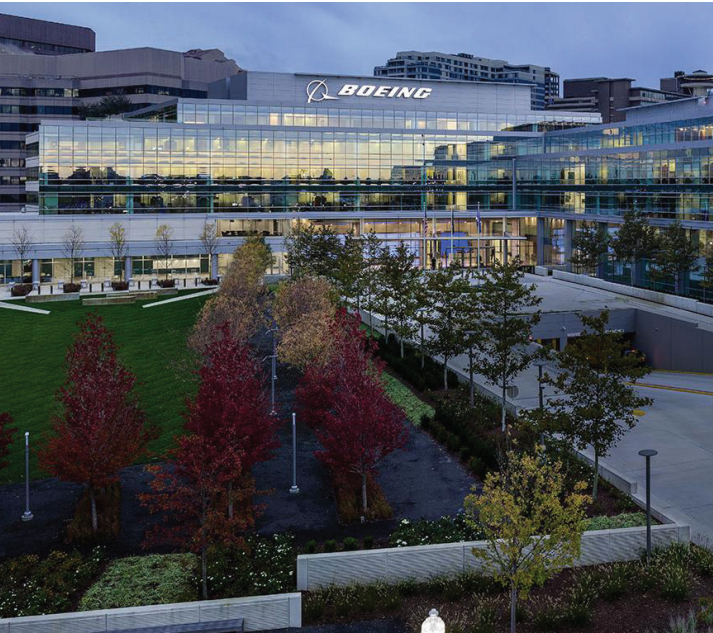
D.C. region ranked 4th best tech talent market in North America by CBRE in 2023

## NOTABLE ARLINGTON AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE COMPANIES



## ACCESS TO A TALENTED WORKFORCE

The Washington, D.C. region has more than 300,000 people working in the science and engineering sector, not to mention the thousands of military veterans and active service members who are transitioning to civilian life with security clearances in hand. Together, these talent pools bring worker skills that neatly align with in-demand jobs such as systems engineering and integration, cybersecurity, software engineering, federal government procurement, civil engineering, information technology and logistic and supply chain management.



## ARLINGTON'S AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE ASSOCIATIONS



## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Through its historic, innovative Tech Talent Investment Program, the Commonwealth of Virginia, donors and corporate partners are investing more than \$2 billion to expand Virginia's tech talent pipeline, doubling the number of graduates each year in computer science and closely related fields. Additionally, Virginia's higher education institutions already produce roughly 12,000 tech-related degrees and certificates annually in areas ranging from computer science to modeling and simulation.

Arlington and its neighboring jurisdiction, Alexandria, are direct beneficiaries of this investment, as they are home to new innovation campuses from George Mason University and Virginia Tech, respectively.



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