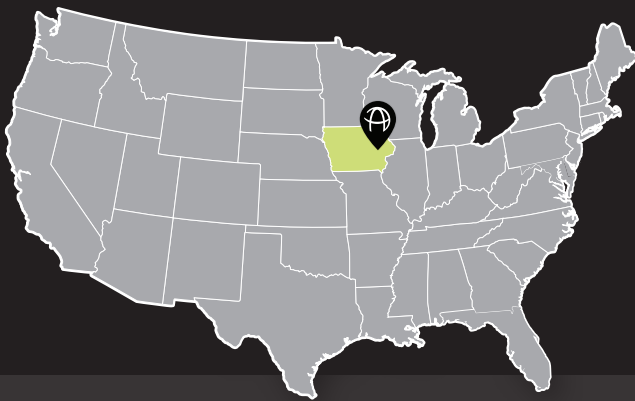


Iowa is home to more than 180 aerospace and defense companies supporting avionics, aerospace electronics, advanced manufacturing, composites, precision machining, MRO, and defense technologies. Anchored by global industry leaders such as Collins Aerospace and BAE Systems, Iowa offers one of North America's most capable aerospace supply chains—supported by world-class engineering talent, advanced manufacturing expertise, and a collaborative business environment.



Iowa's aerospace workforce pipeline is built on nationally-recognized research universities, industry partnerships, and one of the nation's strongest advanced manufacturing workforces. From Ph.D.-level aerospace research and NASA flight hardware development to highly skilled technicians and precision manufacturers, Iowa delivers the engineering talent and technical workforce required to design, manufacture, test, certify, and sustain next-generation aerospace and defense systems.

Iowa Aerospace and Defense by the Numbers

INDUSTRY

 **180+**

Aerospace & Defense Companies

 **19,000+**

Aerospace & Defense Jobs

 **\$1 Billion**

Annual Aviation Parts & Electronics Exports

MANUFACTURING

 **17%**

of Iowa's Gross State Product Generated by Manufacturing

 **14.6%**

of Iowa's Workforce Employed in Manufacturing

 **28%**

Lower Industrial Energy Costs than the U.S. Average

#3 Iowa ranks #3 for concentration of mechanical engineers

#3 Iowa ranks #3 for manufacturing workers

#2 Iowa ranks #2 highest percentage of workers in STEM occupations

 Cedar Rapids/Iowa City has the highest concentration of avionics manufacturing employees in the US.

IOWA

Flight-Test & Space Systems Innovation

Home to the Iowa Spaceflight Laboratory (ISL) and the internationally-recognized Operator Performance Laboratory (OPL), the University of Iowa develops flight-qualified hardware for NASA missions while advancing research in flight testing, advanced avionics, human-autonomy teaming, and next-generation aviation technologies. OPL supports government and industry partners through a fleet of 11 instrumented research aircraft, 2,800+ flight-test hours, and 400+ aerospace research projects.

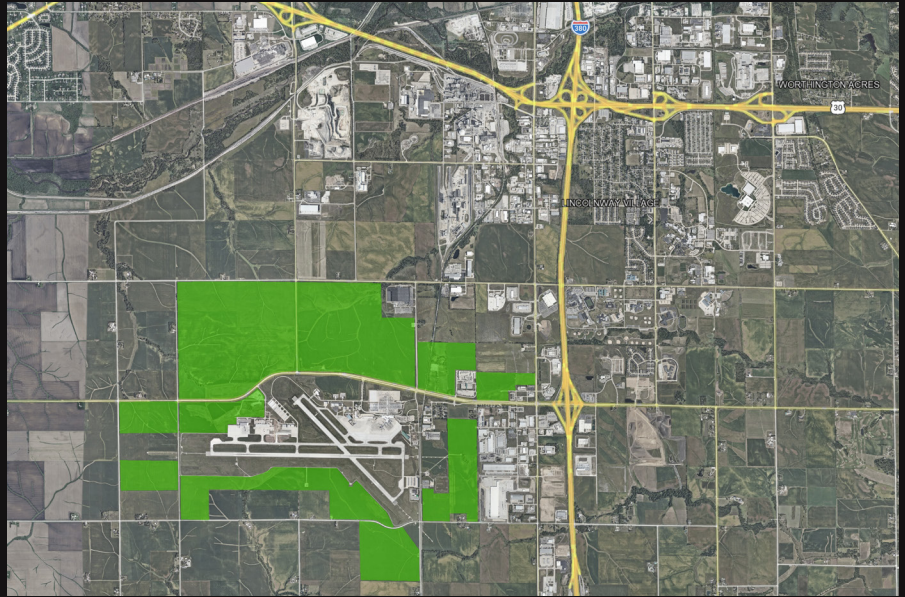
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Engineering Tomorrow's Aerospace Workforce

Iowa State University's nationally-recognized, ABET-accredited Aerospace Engineering program prepares engineers in aerodynamics, propulsion, flight dynamics, spacecraft systems, autonomous systems, and advanced manufacturing. Through cutting-edge research and close collaboration with industry, Iowa State develops the engineering talent that powers the commercial aviation, defense, and space sectors.



Ascentus



WHY ASCENTUS?

Looking for a new location—or room to grow? Discover the Ascentus Aerospace Hub at the Eastern Iowa Airport (CID) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Ascentus offers premier development opportunities for aerospace and defense companies, with sites ranging from development-ready parcels to large-scale development tracts. Available properties include airfield-access sites, rail-served industrial property, and flexible commercial and light industrial land designed to accommodate projects of virtually any size.

Strategically located in the heart of the U.S., Ascentus provides direct access to Interstate highways, Class I rail service, commercial air service, and global freight networks—connecting businesses efficiently to customers, suppliers, and markets around the world.

With more than 1,300 acres available for development, Ascentus delivers the flexibility, infrastructure, and transportation connectivity to help aerospace and defense companies launch, expand, and succeed. Let's discuss how Ascentus can support your next investment.



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