PALM BEACH COUNTY
AVIATION, AEROSPACE and ENGINEERING

PALM BEACH COUNTY
[the numbers]

Palm Beach County hosts major US aerospace, aviation and engineering (a/a/e) businesses backed by strong academic and workforce partners. a/a/e enjoys a synergy and climate for innovation. That's why Palm Beach County continues to receive national accolades for its business environment.

570
The number of companies industry affiliated in Palm Beach County

15,000+
The number of a/a/e industry jobs in Palm Beach County

$63,000
The average wage of an a/a/e/ industry worker in Palm Beach County

$5.6 Billion
The direct total economic output of a/a/e industry in Palm Beach County

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
[the mission]

The Business Development Board of Palm Beach County is an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) charged with bringing new job-generating investments to the community while assisting existing businesses in their efforts to expand. The Business Development Board's economic development programs and services are partially funded through a contract with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Additional funds are raised from private industry though membership dues and events. Our services include:

- Site descriptions on available industrial buildings, land and office space
- Site tours personally conducted by our business recruitment and expansion staff
- Access to financial incentives offered by the county and state
- Information on zoning, permitting and governmental processes
- Demographics and labor market information
  Access to training programs
- Introductions to state and local leaders in business and government

- Introductions to banks, law firms, employment agencies, accounting firms and all other appropriate suppliers
- Technical presentations tailored to company's specific location requirements
- Review of available housing and housing costs
- Presentations on cost of living, transportation, housing, recreation and the arts
- Coordination with county/municipal governments
- Identification of business incentives
- Research services

- Information on local buyers and suppliers
- Workforce procurement/training

For confidential management of your a/a/e project contact:

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PALM BEACH COUNTY
[a/a/e]

From aircraft parts, maintenance, training and a host of commercial air services, Palm Beach County is a recognized national leader in a/a/e. Major US Government suppliers and a/a/e companies seek to have a major presence in Palm Beach County because of the technology leadership and growth potential.

Take a look at the aviation and aerospace companies in Palm beach County and you'll see why we are so proud. Florida boasts the second largest aerospace industry in the US and the titans of the aviation industry call Palm Beach County home.

In the sky or in outer space, Palm Beach County's presence is legendary in the Aviation and Aerospace industry. From commercial and private aircraft to rocket systems and helicopters, Palm Beach County is host to major aviation and support facilities along with aerospace companies.

Historically Palm Beach County has been ranked among the top Aerospace technology areas in the US. Palm Beach County's aviation history began as World War II military installations and small airstrips. It has now become an international hub for commercial air travel and cargo, air defense projects and high tech manufacturing.

In Palm Beach County, the future of a/a/e rests with the agile minds of our workforce with a unique capacity to initiate ideas, engineer innovative solutions and manufacture products.

Always adapting and improving.
Generating knowledge and new ideas.
Better...faster...
That's why we like to say, in Palm Beach County:
INNOVATION.WORKS.HERE.

PALM BEACH COUNTY
[research & development, engineering & technical design]

The engineering and technical design industry in Palm Beach County represents hundreds of companies and thousands of engineers, draftsman, technical designers and architects.

Top companies in Palm Beach County include several focused on propulsion systems and their advanced engineering design and applied research. Take a look and you'll see Palm Beach County engineers have designed major projects around the world in almost every industry.

These industries include electronics, aviation, chemical, biotech, energy, infrastructure and aerospace. If your needs range from small to mega, you can get your product or project designed, equipped and built by companies with engineers here in Palm Beach County.

"*The BDB aerospace meetings have provided a great forum to discuss problems and possible solutions to common problems, get information on trends and learn more about business opportunities. The BDB also helps us access training grants and possible future real estate exemptions as our company tries to become a successful medium sized company in the future.*"

~Sean Quinn, CEO & President, Wafer World

PALM BEACH COUNTY
[manufacturing, assembly & testing]

Palm Beach County manufacturing includes a wide range of large and small businesses building success through a combination of skill and high technology, complex parts, and innovation. Each company has a different goal but they all share one thing: they make things better by changing raw materials into marketplace products.
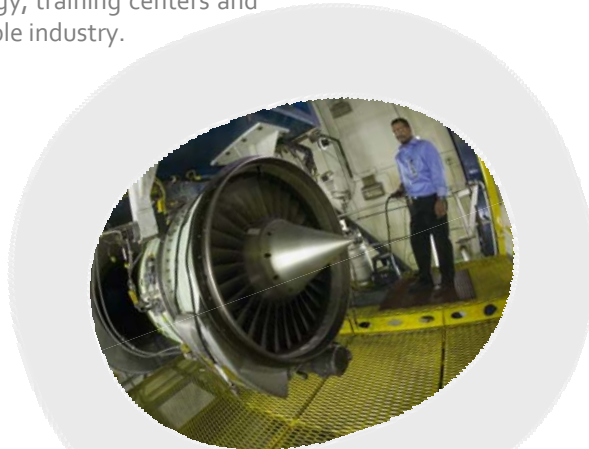
Many companies continue to benefit from the presence of advanced research facilities, military installations, and NASA. Manufacturing in Palm Beach County is a diverse group including those in traditional manufacturing industries, such as plastics, food processing and printing, as well as those that are engaged in breakthrough technologies, like electronics, medical devices and aviation/aerospace.

[support services, maintenance, training & staffing]

The depth of the a/a/e industry includes a broad range of comprehensive products, services and support networks.

Because Palm Beach County has a mature a/a/e community, a dynamic synergy exists between technology, training centers and the workforce needed to create a sustainable industry.

Our a/a/e cluster includes world class flight training schools, parts suppliers, maintenance and repair facilities, sales and staffing specialists and fixed-base operators (FBO).

PALM BEACH COUNTY
[infrastructure]

In addition to Palm Beach International Airport, there are several regional airports. Backing all these facilities are aviation services companies providing vital operational support. Palm Beach County is also receiving international attention and acclaim for its wide ranging high-tech focus and knowledge-based economic development efforts.

Palm Beach International Airport serves commercial and private aircraft and air cargo services. PBI serves approximately 7 million passengers each year. There are approximately 18 commercial and community airlines operating out of the airport.

North Palm Beach County Airport is a general aviation airport located 12 miles north of PBI. The airport is owned by Palm Beach County and operated by the Palm Beach County Airports Department.

Palm Beach County Park Airport is a general aviation airport located in Lantana, 6 miles south of PBI. It is also commonly referred to as the Lantana Airport. The airfield is home to 380 aircraft. Lantana averages 384 flights per day, 69% of which are local aviation. 31% are transient flights with the remainder being air taxi and military flights. The airport counts more than 40 aviation businesses and flight schools.

Palm Beach County Glades Airport is a general aviation airport located in Pahokee, 35 miles west of PBI. Glades Airport is the county's designated general aviation recreational and sport flying airport. The airport is also designated for parachute operations. The airport is located in the western portion of Palm Beach County and is located adjacent to Lake Okeechobee.

Boca Raton Airport is publicly-owned and is designated as a general aviation transport facility governed by a seven member Authority appointed by the City of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County Commission. There are two full service Fixed Base Operators (FBO's) located at the Airport.

Research and Development Industrial Parks in Palm Beach County have existing facilities as well as "Shovel Ready" land for all types of a/a/e uses.

PALM BEACH COUNTY
[post secondary academic institutions—education, training & workforce]

Aerospace, Aviation & Engineering (a/a/e) companies in Palm Beach County enjoy strong support from public and private organizations and access to a highly skilled, diverse workforce. For example, an abundance of quality training programs for both commercial and general aviation is available with simulation training bays and flight safety concentrations. Additionally, well respected educational institutions attract research dollars and consistently produce an impressive number of graduates that add to the quality of highly educated, highly skilled workers.

Collaborations between private industry and educational partners ensure a strong workforce available to the a/a/e industry. Palm Beach County is home to five universities including Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Lynn University and Palm Beach State College.

FAU's engineering and computer science departments graduate more than 2,500 students each year. FAU's Center for Innovation Leadership includes a broad curriculum involving training that incorporates business, legal, ethics, management, communications and aviation technical skills.

Lynn University, In Boca Raton, offers MBA flight management, bachelor's degrees in aviation management and flight training.

Palm Beach State College offers a professional pilot training with additional focus on operations and maintenance.

Boynton Beach Community High School, part of Palm Beach County School District, leads a program for students who earn credit and learn flight training and other aircraft and engineering skills. This program is a collaborative effort with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

HERE IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida our knowledge-based economy shines above and beyond our standard economic development categories. So, our Aviation aerospace and engineering industry (a/a/e) includes more than pilots and astronauts. A/a/e businesses - more than 750 strong-with approximately 15,000 employees, include a growing list of companies that are part of a uniquely diverse economic resource.

The multi-faceted aviation, aerospace and engineering sector in Palm Beach County is comprised of advanced high-tech manufacturing, flight training schools and universities, support system firms and supply chain companies of all types. In addition advanced manufacturing companies in the region are involved in the design and prototyping of complex products in the air and on the ground. Now you know why we say:

INNOVATION.WORKS.HERE.