

Expanding Your View



MISSION

READY FOR GROWTH

**FORT WAYNE & ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA
COMMERCIAL DEFENSE OPPORTUNITIES**



THE ALLIANCE

FORT WAYNE-ALLEN COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

“The superb commercial defense assets in the greater Fort Wayne region represent nationally important operations for advancing and sustaining U.S. military strength.”

Jason Lovell, director
INDIANA OFFICE OF DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT

A Midwest Leader in Critical Mission Support

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All of this and much more exists in Fort Wayne and Allen County, representing excellent opportunities for rapid and sustained growth for the U.S. Military Economy.

In Fort Wayne, Indiana's second largest city, the successful commercial military roots are deep. Today's extraordinary defense-related technology capacity in the region traces its roots to when Fort Wayne-based communication companies were the early definers and builders of modern defense communication tools. That tradition continues today with software-driven communication protocols and devices produced for immediate deployment, coupled together with technology advances driving U.S. military satellite missions, state-of-the-art urban warfare tools and much more.

Home to numerous Fortune 100-level defense-related corporations and supporting cluster companies, the greater Fort Wayne area serves up diverse development and production resources that remain unique to the U.S. defense spectrum. In addition to providing regular non-stop commercial flights, Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) hosts the highly versatile F-16 focused 122ND Fighter Wing.

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Unique defense-centric Centers of Excellence.

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A broad spectrum of major defense contractors engaged in critical defense mission technology.

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Operational fighter presence and superb aerospace growth opportunities.

Regional Leader in Prime DoD Contracts

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) rewards that unique mission-ready reputation by consistently awarding major communication, aerospace, IT and related defense contracts to the Fort Wayne region. In fact, more than \$2.8 billion in commercial defense contracts have been awarded to the region since 2005, representing an eloquent validation of Fort Wayne's defense-related prowess and delivery systems. And this is just the beginning.

“Fort Wayne's commercial defense operations contribute both critical strategic technology and essential manufacturing capacity to virtually every element of America's military.”

-Northrop Grumman executive

“Fort Wayne’s defense companies make sustained and critical contributions to U.S. Homeland Security, particularly through their Center of Excellence for Wireless Communications.”

Eric Dietz, director
PURDUE HOMELAND SECURITY INSTITUTE



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A next generation focus
and integrated growth
regional culture.

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A community
commitment to attract
and create a fresh
base of technology
talent.



INDIANA **TECH**

Field-Tested Unique Assets

In World War II, professionals in the the greater Fort Wayne region created and defined the military communication capacity. Through direct academic partnerships deploying the best and the brightest, that legacy has been broadened and strengthened. Fort Wayne today offers unique entrepreneurial cultural and development assets unparalleled in the U.S. defense community.

In today’s complex military environment, the advantage goes to the assets that possess deep defense development capacity. Here Fort Wayne wins hands down.

In one university setting representing the best of the Hoosier state’s top research universities, the faculty and facilities at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) present critical defense advantages. These are most apparent in the form of two unique Centers of Excellence for Systems Engineering and Wireless Communications.

These two Centers of Excellence – supported by both graduate and undergraduate faculty – hold a unique distinction: both were created, funded and established with direct intense collaboration by major defense contractors in the Fort Wayne region. They were established to directly serve the U.S. commercial defense industry and they do it well.

In addition to IPFW advanced programs – at 12,000 students representing the state’s fifth largest university – a core defense-focused advanced manufacturing program at Ivy Tech Community College and the strengths of other area academic institutions produces a mission-ready workforce that adapts and produces exceptional output. Fort Wayne’s unique academic muscle proves its worth every day to the men and women in uniform across the globe.

Whether supporting current defense systems or producing combat-ready products for future generations, Fort Wayne and Allen County deliver.

“The IPFW Center for Excellence in Systems Engineering is unique to Indiana and is one of the few in the nation. Its defense focus directly contributes to the innovation and success of major Fort Wayne-based defense contractors and the U.S. military.”

Carl Drummond, PhD
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, IPFW

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is home to
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academic
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GENERAL DYNAMICS

Raytheon

NORTHROP GRUMMAN



BAE SYSTEMS

NAVISTAR

World-Class Collaboration

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Decades of non-stop success means that if you want the job done right and done rapidly, Fort Wayne and Allen County represent a winning choice. It's no wonder then that the region features a robust roster of Fortune 100 defense-related corporations. Commercial intellectual human assets and critical mission production from Raytheon, General Dynamics, ITT, BAE Systems, Navistar, and Northrop Grumman combine with IPFW-focused academic capacities to produce a unique winning endgame. These larger companies receive critical support from a vibrant cluster of smaller defense-focused firms, including companies specializing in procurement, information technology (IT), telecom, defense-facility design and construction, and advanced manufacturing.

The development culture unique to the Fort Wayne region produces a singular productivity advantage: area firms compete intensely for prime defense contracts, but after the contract is awarded, regional firms possess a rich tradition of developing mutually beneficial collaborative arrangements as subcontractors. The net result is improved contract performance and better products and service for the U.S. defense community.

Mission-Tested and Proven Assets

With world-class colleges and universities and a new focus on workforce development, Indiana is poised for real defense growth.

Fort Wayne and Allen County Indiana will lead that growth.

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