



Nova Scotia Canada's Defence and Aerospace Heartland

Defence and Aerospace industries have a long, proud history in Nova Scotia and share a bright future.

Built on proficiencies in maintenance, repair and overhaul, marine security, software development, systems integration, aerostructures, precision machining, as well as training and simulation, strong continued growth is predicted for the defence and aerospace sector in Nova Scotia.

Companies such as EADS Composites Atlantic, L-3 Communications Canada, Pratt & Whitney Canada, IMP Group International Inc., Lockheed Martin Canada, MDA, General Dynamics Canada, and xwave have capitalized on Nova Scotia's skilled workforce and competitive operating costs to grow their operations.

Nova Scotia is also home to one of seven centres operated by Defence, Research and

Development Canada. The centre provides access to expertise in antisubmarine warfare, mine and torpedo defence, shipboard command and control, and air and naval platform technology.

There is a strong connection between the local defence and aerospace industry and our educational system. Institutions such as the Nova Scotia Community College and DalTech work closely with industry to develop curriculum for their defence and aerospace-related programs.

Based on past and current performance and an impressive value proposition featuring a highly skilled workforce, world-class education and training facilities, solid infrastructure and geo-political stability, Nova Scotia is an attractive location for defence and aerospace companies.

Fast Facts

- » Nova Scotia is home to approximately 35% of all Canadian military assets.
- » Nova Scotia's aerospace industry generates \$600 million in revenues annually, and when combined with defence spending, the industry contributes about \$1.5 billion to the provincial economy.
- » More than 6,000 Nova Scotians work in the province's commercial defence and aerospace sector.
- » Nova Scotia has been at the forefront of the aerospace sector, beginning in 1909 when Alexander Graham Bell's wooden aircraft, the Silver Dart, successfully took to the air.



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