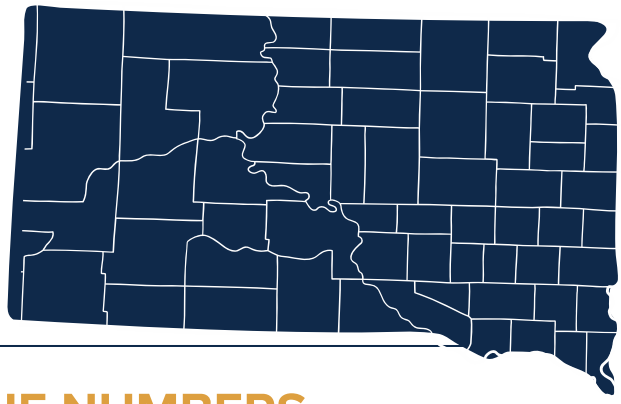
AIA AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

The Aerospace & Defense Industry in SOUTH DAKOTA



SUPPORTS **1,037** **EMPLOYEES**

ACROSS **29** **FACILITIES**

SOUTH DAKOTA BY THE NUMBERS

$212M
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

$80K
AVERAGE SOUTH DAKOTA A&D SALARY

+$110M
VALUE ADDED TO STATE GDP

+$3M
CONTRIBUTED IN STATE TAX REVENUE

AIA COMPANIES IN YOUR STATE

BAE SYSTEMS · L3HARRIS · RTX · BURNS McDONNELL · GENERAL DYNAMICS · NORTHROP GRUMMAN · BOEING · SGS

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT

AIA's American Rocketry Challenge (ARC) is the world's largest student rocketry competition, engaging over a thousand teams of middle and high school students from across the U.S. each year, and helping students launch careers that shape the future of the U.S. aerospace industry.

IN 2025, AMERICA'S A&D INDUSTRY:

SUPPORTED **2.1 MILLION** HIGHLY-SKILLED U.S. WORKERS

EXPORTED **$173B** WORTH OF U.S. GOODS

INVESTED **$45 BILLION** IN U.S. MANUFACTURING, UP 13% FROM 2024

INCOME EXCEEDED **40%** ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PER JOB

GENERATED NEARLY **$1 TRILLION** IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Source: 2026 S&P Global Market Intelligence/2026 AIA Facts and Figures
Figures are rounded to nearest whole number