

AEROSPACE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

The aerospace industry in Northern Ontario is complimented by a full range of leading edge aerospace education programs offered at several Northern Ontario colleges.

Programs include:

- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering
- Aviation Technician
- Aviation Flight Management
- Aircraft Structural Repair
- Pilot Training



A steady stream of well-trained workers is helping the industry grow. The Centres of Excellence in Aviation located in North Bay and Thunder Bay, and the aviation programs at Sault College in Sault Ste. Marie are widely recognized for their technician and pilot training programs.

All five Cities enjoy scheduled air service to major centres in Ontario with connecting services to global destinations, with some cities providing direct air access to select U.S. destinations. The airside asset base includes runways long enough to accommodate any size aircraft, passenger or cargo. Aerospace/aviation activities include:

- Aircraft assembly and testing
- Heavy mainframe and airframe overhauls
- Interior, paint, and avionics overhaul
- Engine inspection services and maintenance
- Aircraft modifications and conversions
- Charter service – fixed and rotary
- Air ambulance
- Running skid testing facilities for NASA and related partners
- Designated alternate landing services for mainline international/domestic carriers
- Flight training and post-secondary aviation training activities



The five cities' airports have runways ranging from 6,000 – 10,000 ft. in length with weather conditions that can reasonably be representative of any airport in the world.

We have generous noise exposure forecasts (NEF Zones), certified for 24 hour IFR and VFR operations, protected flight test corridors, customs service, category 1 instrument landing systems (ILS) and thousands of acres of serviced land for both air side and ground side development projects.

We also have several hundred existing firms operating successfully in this sector that provide the critical mass necessary to attract other complimentary companies either in the supply chain or expanded customer base.



Both the Federal and Provincial governments provide generous incentives to support the capital project needs related to the relocation and expansion of firms to our region. This offsets the costs of construction, leaseholds and equipment. They also provide extremely competitive research and development project funding support as well as tax credits.

Both levels of government also provide equally generous wage support programs to offset company training costs to meet your labour market needs. Excellent post-secondary training opportunities are available in each of the five cities including both technical colleges and universities.

