

Aerospace & Defense

We're grounded—in ambition and expertise

Our people and companies have the technical expertise, industry strength, and cooperative culture to grow our aerospace industry.



Halifax's aerospace industry is thriving in part due to our fortunate location, and in part due to the ambition our people have shown in making the most of our fortune. The fact is, given that our city is nestled on Canada's east coast, we're home to one of the country's national naval bases. This simple but consequential fact is largely behind the growth of an entire ecosystem of aerospace-focused industry.

Opportunity knocked. And the entire city of Halifax answered.

Our people and companies have the technical expertise, industry strength, and cooperative culture to both maintain our aerospace infrastructure, and grow the industry. No wonder a large, dynamic, and growing cluster of defense and security companies now serve to support our country's east coast defense hub. You might say that here on the edge of North America, we're on the cutting edge of aerospace innovation.



\$1.5 Billion

Annual Revenue



\$600 Million

Annual Sales



6000+

Employed in Halifax



\$69 Billion

Cdn. Shipbuilding & Contract



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Naval Defense

Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax is home port to the Royal Canadian Navy Atlantic, the largest base in Canada by posted personnel. The city has the highest concentration of Canada's military assets, with two air force bases and the Maritime Warfare Centre. We're also home to nine of Canada's top ten defense companies, and more than 30% of all of Canada's top defense companies. We're talking globally recognized companies working in naval defense, torpedo defense, mine hunting, ship hydrodynamics, naval materials research, shipbuilding, sonar and sensing, in-service support, cybersecurity, and training and simulation.

In-support service to the Department of National Defense

The government of Canada is in constant need of supporting, maintaining, and growing its defense assets—and so, it's constantly looking to Halifax's private sector for reliable in-support service. Government contracts are bold and lucrative for private industry in the city. For example, Irving Shipbuilding was selected to build the Navy's new combat fleet, including 21 vessels and more than \$60 billion over 30 years; a \$182 million contract with General Dynamics for 6 Halifax-class combat systems; and a \$72.6 million contract with Fleetway Inc. for a full range of technical data management and systems engineering support services.

Shipbuilding

You can't say "shipbuilding" in Halifax without thinking "Irving". Irving Shipbuilding Inc. is most known for their Halifax Shipyard—a facility that can handle new builds up to 120m and ship repair for vessels up to Panamax size beam. This massive building (the largest single such building in North America) covers 18,000 square meters of water frontage. But there's more to shipbuilding in Halifax than this historic company. Nova Scotia's marine industry leads in fields including acoustic hull design, system electronics, sonar technologies, and computer-aided manufacturing.

Halifax is a national hub for commercial aerospace innovation:



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