



Greg Navarra, Maintenance Supervisor for Woodward, next to the aerospace company's \$50 million expansion.

## Go Places in Rockford

The Rockford, Illinois region is located in the middle of North America, equidistant between Milwaukee and Chicago and part of the third largest economic corridor in the U.S. The region offers abundant land for development at a low cost per acre, much of it within our Foreign Trade Zone #176. This strategic location provides excellent direct access to markets via four interstates (I-90, I-88, I-39 and I-43); Global III, Union Pacific Railroad's intermodal hub; and Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD), the 18th largest air cargo airport in the United States and home to the second largest UPS hub in the nation (parcel and heavy freight).

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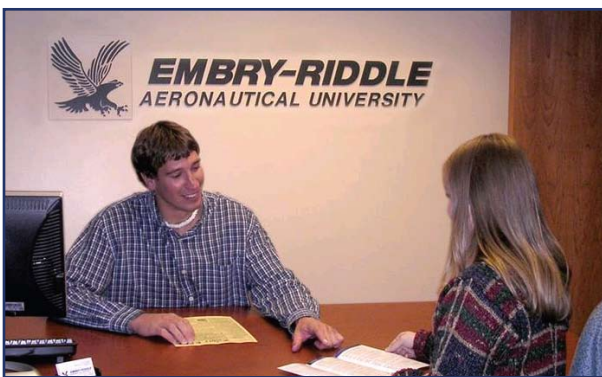
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# Flying High in Rockford

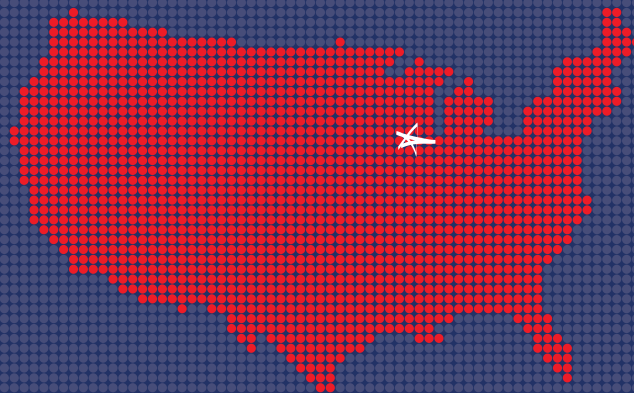
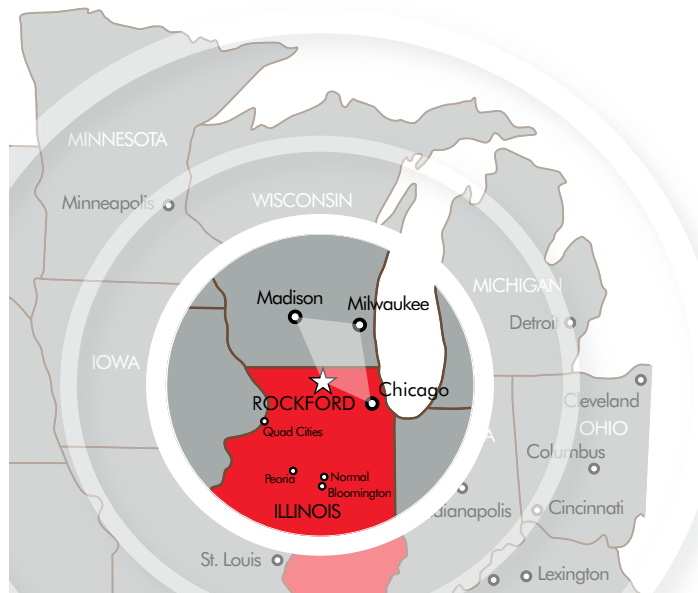


## Recent Announcements

- Hamilton Sundstrand hires 150 additional engineers and invests \$50 million in a state-of-the-art airplane systems integration facility and integrated systems test lab
- B/E Aerospace to hire an additional 50 employees in 2009
- Smiths Aerospace receives Performance Based Logistics C-130J/K contract worth \$52 million and contract for Embraer Phenom 300
- Woodward announces acquisitions of HR Textron and MPC Products Corporation, plus a \$50 million expansion
- Ingenium acquires 30,000 square foot building for current and future growth
- Forest City Gear named one of the top ten U.S. machine shops for aerospace



The region's growing aerospace industry benefits from the workforce now being trained in Rockford by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the oldest and most prestigious aviation aerospace university in the world.



## Aerospace R&D

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# Welcome to Rockford, Illinois

...part of the third largest economic corridor in the United States! Manufacturing is still at the heart of the area, providing nearly one quarter of all jobs. Rockford, a world leader in the production of machine tools and auto parts, is increasingly recognized as a center of excellence for aerospace components manufacturing. Among others, Hamilton Sundstrand Aerospace Power Systems (H-S), a division of Fortune 43 company United Technology, is investing heavily in its engineering and testing operations in the area. If H-S can successfully develop systems for the space shuttle in Rockford, your innovation-oriented company will succeed here too.



## Rockford Region Advantages

- Abundant opportunities for manufacturing, training, academic and research and development (R&D) collaboration
- Greater purchasing power for your employees due to the ratio of salary to housing costs when compared to other regions
- Community airport sites and existing buildings for manufacturing, R&D, testing and prototyping
- Diversity and multiple clusters of advanced manufacturing capabilities at two times the national average
- Proximity to Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison
- Lower multi-modal shipping costs

## Workforce: Educated, Dedicated and Productive

- Abundant transportation manufacturing engineering talent; specifically, aerospace engineering and technical talent
- Productivity of the workforce in aerospace parts and transportation equipment manufacturing, measured as Value Added per worker, is ranked higher than the US average
- Good access to highly-skilled mechanics
- Good to above average workforce availability
- Highly dedicated workforce with Midwest regional values and a strong work ethic
- The civilian labor force is approximately 434,800 people, with approximately 65,500 people who are underemployed and approximately 42,600 people who commute out of the region

## Rockford Aerospace Companies

The Rockford region is home to five major tier one aerospace supply companies: Hamilton Sundstrand, Woodward, B/E Aerospace, Mag Aerospace Industries, Inc. and Supplycore, plus a strong cluster of supply chain partners consisting of approximately 89 second and third tier suppliers, totalling over 6,000 employees. The Rockford region employs over 4,000 engineers, more than 500 in aerospace. More engineers per capita are employed here than in any of our competitor regions: 1.5 times more than the Illinois average and 1.3 times the U.S. average. Rockford is home to two major power management companies: Hamilton Sundstrand (subsidiary of United Technologies Corp.) and Woodward.

## Purchasing Power Comparison of Aerospace Regions

Region	Housing	Transportation	Health Care	Composite Index	Rockford MSA Comparison
Rockford MSA	68.7	106.4	103.8	91.4	
Boston	156.7	108.1	133.6	133.6	+146%
LA - Longbeach	250.8	112.8	108.3	147.7	+162%
Seattle	151.2	110.5	120.8	123.0	+135%
Denver	110.3	97.2	105.8	105.0	+115%
San Diego	210.9	110.3	113.7	136.4	+149%

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index 2009 – 100 equals baseline.

## Colleges and Universities

Collaborative R&D and training opportunities exist with regional colleges and universities. Over 75 colleges and technical schools are located within 90 miles.

- Northern Illinois University (NIU) – over 5,400 undergraduate and graduate degrees granted annually, more than 400 in engineering
- Rockford College – more than 400 degrees granted annually
- Rock Valley College – more than 2,000 degrees granted annually
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – a world leader in aviation and aerospace education – established a campus at the Chicago/Rockford International Airport in 2008

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| Acument Global Technologies          | Hamilton Sundstrand, a division of UTC |
| Aircraft Systems, Inc.               | I D Rockford Shop, Inc.                |
| B/E Aerospace                        | Ingenium Technologies Corp.            |
| Bergstrom, Inc.                      | Ingersoll Cutting Tools                |
| BVR Technologies                     | Ingersoll Machine Tools                |
| Chem Processing, Inc.                | Kaney Aerospace                        |
| Clinkenbeard & Associates, Inc.      | Mag Aerospace Industries               |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Makerite Mfg. Co.                      |
| Emery Air, Inc.                      | Parker Hannifin Corp.                  |
| Energy Dynamics, Inc.                | Rockford Burrall Machine Co.           |
| Ensko                                | Superior Joining Technologies          |
| Forest City Gear Co., Inc.           | SupplyCore, Inc.                       |
| GE Aviation                          | Trident Machine Co.                    |
|                                      | Woodward                               |