



DEFENSE INDUSTRY

Whitley County Economic Development Corporation

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REGIONAL DEFENSE COMPANIES

Exelis Inc.

Ultra Electronics-USSI

C & A Tool Engineering Inc.

Riverside Manufacturing

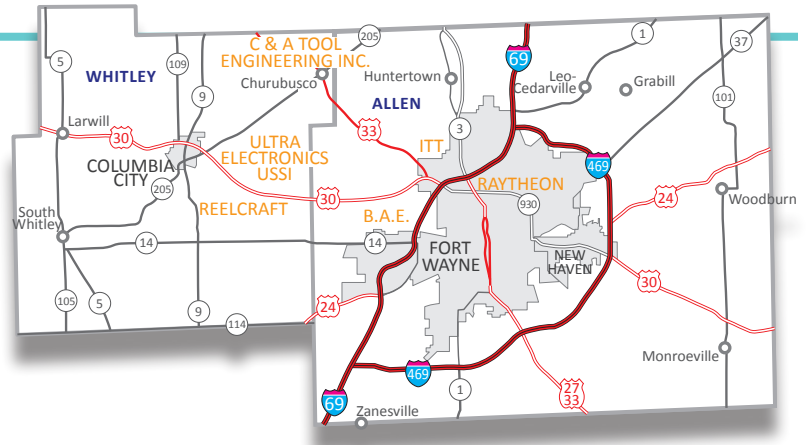
SKF Reelcraft

Stuart Manufacturing

General Dynamics C4 Systems

Rhinehart Finishing LLC

Whitley County companies are bolded.



INCENTIVES

Indiana Economic Development Corporation

- EDGE and HBI tax credits
- Headquarters Relocation Tax Credit (HRTC)
- Research and Development Initiatives
- Skills Encancement Fund / Workforce Training Grant

Whitley County

- CEDIT
- TIF
- Tax abatements for new construction or equipment

WAGES IN NORTHEAST INDIANA

Occupation	Average Wage
Software Developers	\$93,847
Electrical Engineers	\$91,865
Industrial Engineers	\$76,472
Mechanical Engineers	\$84,253
Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters	\$51,382
First-line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$59,252
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assemblers	\$32,432
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	\$41,083

Source: Hoosier by the Numbers, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2019

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DEFENSE OPPORTUNITIES

In August 2009 Partners In Contracting Corporation established the Procurement Technical Assistance Center for the Northeast Indiana Region. The center is a resource providing assistance with all aspects of marketing to federal, state, and local governments. It is a not-for-profit organization and there is no fee for most services. PICC-PTAC is partnered with the Northeast Indiana Defense Industry Association with a goal of forward identifying and strengthening the defense cluster supply chain.

For more information on PICC-PTAC visit PICCorp.org or contact Gil Perry at the PTAC office in Fort Wayne at 260-481-0491.

FUTURE GROWTH IN DEFENSE

Lilly Endowment Inc. provided \$20 million to an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership to accelerate the development of Northeast Indiana's workforce and talent resources. The program, entitled Talent Initiative, supports the development of education, training and talent initiatives in STEM courses.

Components of Talent Initiative Include Support for the Following Critical Elements:

- Retrain more than 3,300 adult workers in northeast Indiana
- Expand the systems engineering and wireless technology programs at Purdue —Fort Wayne
- Create 6 New Tech High Schools within school corporations in Northeast Indiana, with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) courses

The Talent Initiative includes significant and targeted educational and workforce programs for the aerospace and defense industries. Northeast Indiana is home to over 160 defense/aerospace prime contractors and suppliers. Whitley County is home to one of the largest contracts from the Department of Defense.