

Critical Industry Needs

- Affordable sites and buildings
- Low cost of doing business
- Pro business, nonunion environment
- Proximity to markets, suppliers and customers
- Skilled workforce
- Quality of life
- State and local incentives

Franklin County Strengths

Proximity to AEDC, UTSI, Redstone Arsenal and Marshall Space Flight Center

Tennessee has no personal income tax, low capital gains tax and ranks in the ten state with lowest local property taxes

Tennessee is a right-to-work state

Transportation Access via interstates, rail and commercial and general aviation airports

Skilled and available workforce of 95,016 within a 30 mile radius

Four-lane divided highway access to I-24 and I-65

Franklin County, Tennessee

Aerospace/Aviation Executive Summary

Competitive Strengths of Franklin County, TN

Franklin County, Tennessee is **strategically located** in a hot bed of aerospace and aviation activity.

The **Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC)** is one of the most advanced and largest flight simulation test facilities in the world. It is also an Air Force Materiel Command Test Facility which tests and evaluates aircraft, missiles and space systems. Facilities include aerodynamic propulsion wind tunnels, rocket and turbine engine test cells, space environmental chambers, arc heaters and ballistic ranges.

Also located in Franklin County is the **University of**

Tennessee Space Institute (UTSI), school and research institution which has awarded 1,500 graduate degrees. UTSI's program and areas of research include aviation systems, electrical engineering, computer science, industrial and information engineering, mathematics, materials science physics, aerospace and biomedical engineering. To the south of Franklin County in Huntsville, AL is the **Redstone Arsenal** where missile and helicopter research is performed for the US Army and the **Marshall Space Flight Center** which received 15% of NASA's budget in 2006. Huntsville, AL has a concentration of 250

aerospace/aviation companies and nearly 44,000 people are employed in the industry

The region is also benefiting from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. Nearly 5,000 jobs will be added to the region with the relocation of the Army Materiel Command (AMC), the US Army Assistance Command, the Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC), a large portion of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and the Aviation Technical Test Center.

Strategic Location



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