

Aviation Maintenance Repair and Overhaul

The North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESAs) Region of South Carolina is a place where businesses prosper, communities blossom, and the people savor the rich culture, beautiful scenery and all the benefits of living in a thriving economic environment. The NESAs Region is also a place where companies within the aerospace industry including aviation-related suppliers and MROs such as AvCraft thrive.

The low costs of living and doing business, excellent location, workforce training programs, and strong legislative support companies receive will make the success realized by AvCraft your success as well.

Advantages of the NESAs Region

The NESAs Region is the prime location for the aerospace industry and its aviation-related suppliers due to the availability of sites located along a runway, specialized workforce training programs such as Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA), extensive infrastructure, and competitive land and labor costs. Other key advantages of the NESAs Region include:

- A highly productive and skilled workforce.
- AvCraft, a leading supplier of high quality and cost effective maintenance for operators and owners/lessors of regional aircraft, as well as corporate turboprop and jet aircraft worldwide, operates a successful turnkey MRO Repair Station in the region.
- Electrical and construction costs lower than the national average.
- A wide variety of industrial properties well-suited to the MRO industry with runway access.
- Generous incentives including tax credits of up to \$8,000 per job.



“ From the onset, NESAs has worked proactively with us as a new aircraft maintenance overhaul and refurbishment company to help facilitate discussions with regional, county and state level business development bodies in an effort to help our business transition into South Carolina. NESAs has proven itself to definitely represent our interests at the right time and with the right people. -- Donald Kamenz, Executive Vice President Business Development at AvCraft. ”

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About AvCraft

AvCraft, a privately owned company, was founded in 2004 as the North American Maintenance support center for Dornier 328 aircraft. It was purchased by an investment group in 2010 with a strategic business plan to grow the operation. Today, AvCraft is an FAA Part 145 Repair Station approved to perform work on ATR 42/72 series; Dash 8 100/300 series; Embraer 135/145 series; and Fairchild Dornier 328 turboprop and jet aircraft. It offers support to operators and owners/lessors of regional aircraft and corporate turboprop and jet aircraft throughout North America, South America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. The company's facilities include three hangars totaling 121,000 sq. ft. AvCraft also has 550,000 sq. ft. of ramp space to accommodate its customers' needs for aircraft storage and lease transitions.

AvCraft is a turnkey operation with a complete range of maintenance capabilities, including aircraft structural inspections; full avionics services; on-wing engine support; airframe modifications, sheet metal and composite structural repairs; and interior completions. The company also has a dedicated aircraft paint hangar and partners with Industrial Aeronautica to provide engineering and technical support on location at customer facilities around the world.

About NESAs

The North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESAs) is a professional economic development organization representing nine counties in northeastern South Carolina. NESAs strives to promote economic development within the region through lead generation, major infrastructure initiatives, regional marketing and research initiatives. NESAs's services include:

- Regional Site Selection
- Infrastructure Identification
- Utilities Assistance
- Incentives Coordination

“ AvCraft's experience on the Dornier 328 is second to none. They turn out a quality product. ”



-- **Darryl Brown, Director of Maintenance for CMA.** *Central Mountain Air, a Canadian regional airline, operates scheduled services linking Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton to destinations throughout Alberta and British Columbia, some under a code-share agreement with Air Canada. A long-standing customer, CMA has contracted for two Dornier 328 Turboprop heavy checks this year which will be completed by June 2011.*

“ I am delighted to be working with Indaer and AvCraft. We selected them because of their experience on regional aircraft and their outstanding program management capabilities. ”

-- **Jim Goddard, Senior Vice President of Maintenance for Cape Air.** *Cape Air and Dutch Antilles Express become the third and fourth ATR operators to select Indaer and AvCraft to meet their heavy maintenance needs.*