

# WE'RE FLYING TO GREAT HEIGHTS

## READY FOR ADVENTURE?

If you want to see an aerospace powerhouse in action, set your GPS to 49 degrees North and 119 degrees West.

From aircraft maintenance and engineering, to cargo delivery, high-tech flight tracking and aviation communications, this region is on the forefront of all things aerospace.

With industry leadership in avionics, pilot training, fixed-wing and rotary aircraft manufacturing and maintenance, we're only looking up. Add in innovative research and advanced materials and defense technology at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO), local researchers and engineers are shaping the future of flight craft.



With all this technical expertise, multiple aerospace programs, and an army of skilled workers, the region offers a wealth of on-the-ground resources. This includes the \$25 million KF Aerospace Centre of Excellence, with conference suites, a museum, aircraft hangars, classrooms and 15,000 square feet of dedicated training space for Okanagan College's Aircraft Maintenance Engineering programs.

If you're ready to find Canada's best in aerospace, just follow the coordinates.

**\$2.4B**

**IN ANNUAL REVENUE  
GENERATED PROVINCIALLY  
(\$1.3B DIRECT GDP)**

**18%**

**OF BC'S AEROSPACE  
COMPANIES ARE  
LOCATED IN THE  
CENTRAL OKANAGAN**

**8,300+**

**DIRECT JOBS AND  
OVER 19,000 INDIRECT**

# SUCCESS IN THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN



As the largest commercial Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) operation in Canada, KF Aerospace has built an enviable reputation since 1970, servicing major airlines, corporate fleets and military aircraft from around the world.

The company employs about 800 people in BC, 200 in their newly expanded Hamilton, ON facility and over 100 at their flight training centre in Portage la Prairie, MB. In addition to aircraft engineering, maintenance and modifications, KF Aerospace also operates regular cargo charter services, leases aircrafts, and operates



a 22-year pilot training contract in partnership with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The company strongly believes in growing its homegrown talent. Okanagan College offers multiple programs and with one of KF's hangars serving as the College's training facility, students get real-world experience working alongside KF employees.

## SKYTRAC

Founded in 1986 on the possibilities of GPS technology being used for non-military purposes, Skytrac has brought to market products in tracking, flight data monitoring, and satellite communications. Their work touches law enforcement, aerial firefighting, emergency medical services, the oil and gas industry, and government sectors.

The company made a global impact by partnering with Embraer to provide Autonomous Distress

Tracking (ADT) software for airplane location tracking. In addition to ADT, Skytrac partnered with the satellite company Iridium Certus to offer some of the fastest satellite connectivity for manned and unmanned aviation in the avionics field.



Now, with over 120 employees, and offices in Kelowna, Ottawa, and Victoria, Skytrac is a success story going from a startup in a basement to a globally-renowned aviation data company.



AEM is an approved Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) supplier to aircraft manufacturers such as Bell, Boeing Rotorcraft, Leonardo, Airbus

Helicopters, Sikorsky and Embraer. Born out of Northern Airborne Technology, AEM has grown into a vertically integrated provider of specialty aviation solutions.

In their 32,000-square-foot Kelowna facility, over 100 employees design, develop and manufacture avionics components such as loudspeaker systems, caution/warning panels, illuminated panels and keyboards, and specialty audio products.

Read the full stories of how these, and more companies are flying upwards at [OK-GO.CA](http://OK-GO.CA)

## INDUSTRY PLAYERS

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Skytrac Systems  
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Anodyne Electronic Manufacturing  
[aem-corp.com](http://aem-corp.com)

Jupiter Avionics  
[jupiteravionics.com](http://jupiteravionics.com)

Alpine Aerotech  
[alpineaerotech.com](http://alpineaerotech.com)

Valhalla Helicopters  
[valhalla helicopters.com](http://valhalla helicopters.com)

Tempest Aviation Group  
[tempest.aero](http://tempest.aero)

Beyond Aerospace  
[beyondaerospace.com](http://beyondaerospace.com)

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READY FOR  
A CHANGE  
OF SCENE?

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