



Defense & Security

CENTRAL VIRGINIA offers a vibrant business environment with a highly qualified workforce in an ideal location with room for growth and expansion. A robust and growing defense and security sector in the region is in part due to the region's proximity to Washington, D.C. and to the significant presence of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC) at Rivanna Station.

Demonstrated Record of Success

- For more than half a century, the **National Ground Intelligence Center** has had a significant presence in the area and employs more than 1,400 service members and civilians.
- **UVA Research Park** is located just a mile from Rivanna Station and has become home to many intelligence-gathering government contractors such as SAIC, CACI, SRC, and TASC.
- **Aerojet Rocketdyne** is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader, providing propulsion and energetics to its space, missile defense, tactical missile, and armaments customers throughout the world.
- Serving the defense aerial, ground-based, and naval markets, **EURO-COMPOSITES** is the general supplier of KEVLAR honeycomb for the Joint Strike Fighter (F-35) of Lockheed Martin.
- Sperry Marine began operations in Central Virginia in 1956. Now a division of **Northrop Grumman**, Sperry Marine provides safe, efficient, and reliable navigation solutions for the commercial and defense maritime industries.
- **Eiden Systems'** high quality IT consulting has earned the firm numerous Department of Defense honors including the Commanders Award, Excellence.gov Award, and Medallion Award.
- **Battelle Memorial Institute** is the world's largest nonprofit R&D organization, and is recognized for expertise in national security contract research.
- **CACI Enterprise Solutions** is one of the many defense contractor branch locations that have been able to capitalize on the migration of government agencies to the Central Virginia region.
- **MRI Global** is an independent, nonprofit organization performing contract research for government and industry in a variety of areas, including national security and defense.



University of Virginia Research Park

Advantages for Defense & Security in Central Virginia

- Proximity to national defense industry centered in Washington, D.C.
- Strategic, accessible Central Virginia location with easy access to major domestic and international markets via interstates, rail, and the Port of Virginia.
- Robust, redundant fiber optics network; multiple telecommunications networks and electrical power providers including CenturyLink, Dominion Virginia Power, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and Central Virginia Electric Cooperative.
- Access to world-class University of Virginia faculty and research including the UVa Research Park – a 562-acre, fully master planned, mixed-use development zoned for up to 3.7 million square feet of development. The Park houses the Applied Research Institute, which leverages the University's human and capital assets to support applied research, education and training with a focus on homeland security, national intelligence and defense challenges.
- Composite cost of living is 36% lower in Central Virginia than Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. region.



Central Virginia's Gateway to the World.



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National Ground Intelligence Center

Notable Defense & Security

- **Aerojet Rocketdyne**
missile research and development
- **Battelle Memorial Institute**
research and development
- **Booz Allen Hamilton**
operations consulting
- **CACI Enterprise Solutions**
network consulting
- **Defense Intelligence Agency**
Joint Use Intelligence Analysis Facility
- **Delta Bridge, Inc.**
technology consulting
- **Dynetics**
modeling, simulation and analysis
- **General Dynamics**
defense systems and technology
- **InCadence Strategic Solutions**
technical solutions
- **MRIGlobal**
defense systems research
- **National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency**
geospatial intelligence and combat support
- **National Ground Intelligence Center**
ground forces intelligence

- **Northrop Grumman**
aerospace and maritime systems
- **II Corps Consultants**
technology consulting
- **TE Connectivity**
undersea telecommunication cables
- **Six3 Systems**
defense solutions
- **SRC**
NGIC contract support
- **TASC**
systems engineering

Talented and Prepared Workforce

- High educational attainment: over 50% of the population has a Bachelor's degree or higher in the area around Rivanna Station.
- The University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science has expertise in aerospace technologies, national security applications, information technology, advanced materials, and energy technologies.
- Analyst Boot Camp (ABC) is a rigorous 10-week program offered by the Piedmont Virginia Community College to teach the skills necessary to join the intelligence community as an analyst. Courses begin at the unclassified level and transition as students gain their security clearances.
- The Daniel Technology Center at Germanna Community College offers workforce development instruction and technology training.

Defense & Security Quick Facts

Number of Firms	375
Number of Workers	5,121
Avg. Annual Growth Rate	1.5%

Make Central Virginia the location for your **Bold Venture!**



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