The Greater Baltimore Region
7 Jurisdictions

Anne Arundel County
Baltimore City
Baltimore County
Carroll County
Cecil County
Harford County
Howard County

Greater Baltimore - home to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort George G. Meade, the US Naval Academy, and Coast Guard Yard - has a proud history of innovation in defense technology. The Region’s military and civilian experts inform US policy on topics ranging from communications, to cybersecurity, to chemical weapons, to aerospace. The Region’s status as a hub for federally-funded R&D has empowered generations of STEM talent to learn and grow here. Easy access to Washington DC and the Pentagon bolsters Greater Baltimore’s high quality of life and showcases its potential for continued growth in defense technology.

DefTech: Catalyzing Economic Development Across Greater Baltimore

The state of Maryland is a perennial leader in the Defense Industry, ranking as the #4 state for Total Defense Spending and the #1 state for Grant Spending per capita. In particular, Greater Baltimore benefits from billions in defense contracts to civilian businesses, fueling the Region’s pipeline of STEM talent and innovation. The total defense spending of $25.2 billion statewide equates to over $4,169 per resident, more than twice the national average (Pew, 2020).

A Prime Location for Defense Contracting within a Broader Ecosystem of Innovation

In 1917, Aberdeen Proving Ground was established as a premier testing center for chemical weaponry; it has since become home of the largest Army Research Laboratory and the military’s telecommunications headquarters. That same year, Fort George G. Meade was established as a major Army installation that would become home to the NSA and US Cyber Command. A century later, Greater Baltimore’s access to these key federal installations, Washington DC, and the Pentagon, are of pivotal importance to the defense contractors developing new innovations every day.

Leading Defense Contractors in Greater Baltimore

Northrop Grumman
Lockheed Martin
APL
Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
BAE Systems
General Dynamics
Textron
Leidos
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Smartenix
Booz Allen Hamilton

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