

CASE STUDY

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman's fourth business sector, Innovation Systems, was created in 2018 through the acquisition of Orbital ATK, a global leader in aerospace and defense technologies. At the time of acquisition, Orbital ATK operated the Arizona office of Civil Satellites and National Security Systems – part of the Space Systems group – in Gilbert, Arizona. In 2015, Orbital ATK expressed a need to consolidate and expand their engineering operations and explored locations in Gilbert as well as Louden County, Virginia. The new 60,000-square-foot Gilbert facility would be located at Gilbert Spectrum, adjacent to Orbital ATK's Satellite Manufacturing Facility, one of the largest and most advanced spacecraft assembly and test facilities in the United States.

The Gilbert Town Council approved a development agreement with Orbital ATK to retain 236 existing jobs and add at least 77 qualified new jobs over the term of the agreement. Additionally, Orbital ATK will invest over \$12 million of new capital in Gilbert. For this commitment, Gilbert would provide up to \$1.45 million to offset development costs and support job training costs. An economic and fiscal impact analysis of the project demonstrated that Orbital ATK could create an economic impact of \$703.6 million for Gilbert over the next five years, including a \$239.4 million impact from the proposed expansion. Additionally, the continued operations and expansion of its Gilbert operation would directly and indirectly support an estimated 680 jobs, including the proposed 391 direct jobs, and generate \$65.5 million in annual personal income in the Town.

To view the official press release regarding Orbital ATK's 2016 expansion [CLICK HERE](#).

\$12.9M
CAP X

60,000
SQUARE-FEET

391
JOBS

\$1.45M

GILBERT SUPPORT