AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

The Richardson aerospace and defense cluster involves many technologies, but the end users are often the same. The major players in Richardson are Raytheon (cybersecurity and optical lenses), Collins Aerospace (communications, avionics and technologies related to the electronic battlefield) and Boeing (special programs for DoD, DARPA).

Smaller firms include Optex (sighting devices for Abrams tanks and other military vehicles), Teledyne e2v (rugged semiconductors for extreme conditions), Innovative Signal Analysis (communications interception and analysis), G-Systems (software testing for military products), NICE (Israeli cybersecurity company) and Polatomic (underwater detection by magnetic anomalies).

A Richardson location is ideal for aerospace and defense companies seeking a variety of skill sets, allowing employees to commute thanks to Richardson’s robust highway and commuter rail network. In addition, The University of Texas at Dallas (in Richardson) conducts a significant amount of funded research for various defense related agencies, including cybersecurity and virtual environment training systems.

“...For the Richardson defense cluster, Collins Aerospace and Raytheon are the tip of the spear, but other contractors provide everything from cybersecurity to submarine detectors to optical sighting devices for Abrams tanks."

Brad Haselhorst, VP/General Manager, Collins Aerospace

Major Defense Employers in Richardson
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Collins Aerospace • www.rockwellcollinscom
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Defense-related employees within a 15-minute drive of Richardson vs. surrounding cities (Source: Jobs EQ, Q4 2018)