

Thriving, Diverse Place to Do Business

Vibrant quality of life — nationally recognized arts, sports and entertainment.

- Nebraska has a pro-business tax climate — cost of doing business is 15 percent below the national average.
- Performance-based incentives allow firms to earn tax credits, refunds and exemptions for investment and new job creation.
- Approximately 36 percent of the metro population is under 25 years of age compared to 34 percent nationally.
- ACCRA Cost of Living Index shows Greater Omaha's cost of living ranges from 10 to 13 percent less than the national average.
- Public and private k-12 education nationally recognized for excellence.
- Sixteen public and private post-secondary institutions offer degrees that support missions at Offutt. With a combined student enrollment of almost 60,000, with approximately 10,000 graduates each year. Regionally, 1,500 students are graduated with technology, engineering and engineering-tech degrees.

Universities include:

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management develops entrepreneurial leadership for the information technology industry by providing a unique blended curriculum of computer science and business management.
- University of Nebraska's Peter Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering helps meet the needs of the nation's technology and engineering firms by providing a top-flight education to students interested in pursuing careers in information science, technology and engineering.
- Creighton University's Joe Ricketts Center in Electronic Commerce and Database Marketing promotes information technology education and builds bridges with the business community.



Mutual of Omaha continues to invest in the community with its new development Midtown Crossing at Turner Park.

- University of Nebraska College of Law has the only program in the U.S that offers a master of law degree in space law. Two graduates from the 2009 class work at U.S. Strategic Command headquarters at Offutt.
- Two major medical schools — the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Creighton University Medical Center — as well as two pharmacy schools, a school of dentistry and other related health professional schools.
- UNMC plays a vital role in bioterrorism preparedness. Their biocontainment unit is the largest unit in the country, important to USSTRATCOM, NORTHCOM and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Offutt is supported by united and committed elected officials, Fortune 1000 civic leaders, area chambers of commerce, military retirees and community businesses dedicated to providing resources and quality of life initiatives for Offutt's military personnel and families.

Offutt is postured to sustain and grow its current missions while promoting a vision that welcomes new missions of the future.

The Nebraska Military Support Coalition (NMSC) is a nonprofit organization comprised of community and area business leaders who work to ensure necessary resources and investments are in place to support the personnel and missions at Offutt. Its vision is to retain Offutt as the premier operational Air Force Base providing current and future national security missions for the Department of Defense and the U.S.

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Nebraska is proud of the national security missions represented by the outstanding men and women at Offutt AFB. We are committed to supporting and sustaining Offutt's missions and personnel through dedicated leadership and involvement. For over 50 years Nebraska has been at the heart of this nation's national security missions. It remains the right place to invest in the future.

– Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman

Offutt AFB Nebraska

Heart of America's National Security Missions

- Nuclear deterrence, space operations, cyber security
- Intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, information warfare
- Global weather forecasting and support

Offutt Air Force Base

Eastern Nebraska is a thriving area of more than 1.2 million people and has been home to Offutt for more than 50 years. It shares the immediate area with Omaha, the largest city in the state, Bellevue, the oldest city in the state and five fortune 500 headquarters — Berkshire Hathaway, Union Pacific Railroad, ConAgra Foods, Inc., Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. and Mutual of Omaha.

Offutt is one of Nebraska's largest employers, with 8,000 military and civilian personnel. Nearly 32,000 military, civilians, contractors, dependents and retirees make their home in the area. The base generates almost 4,400 secondary jobs regionally. Offutt is a vital part of Nebraska's economy with an annual economic impact of nearly \$2.7 billion. Additionally, more than 65 defense companies have a presence near Offutt, providing direct support to its missions.

In the last few years, Offutt has invested in excess of \$125 million to construct a fire station, security gate, Base Exchange complex, control tower, Air Force Weather Agency headquarters building, child development center, major squadron building and has made extensive runway and ramp improvements. Family housing has been renovated and a community hospital was constructed.



An RC-135V/W rivet joint reconnaissance aircraft being prepared for takeoff.



The 97th Intelligence Squadron, a Silver LEED green-certified building, trains crypto linguists and other experts for the aerial reconnaissance operations.

55th Wing — Offutt's Host Organization

- "Fightin' Fifty-Fifth" provides global reconnaissance, real-time intelligence collection, command and control, information warfare, electronic attack, treaty verification and combat support to the Air Force, Combatant Commands, national leaders and other agencies.
- Largest wing in Air Combat Command operating on four continents and supporting eight diverse flying missions.
- Provides the president of the United States a survivable command center enabling him to transmit directions to U.S. military forces during peacetime and war (E4B National Airborne Operations Center).
- Host command to 50 associate organizations including USSTRATCOM and the Air Force Weather Agency.

U.S. Strategic Command

- Deter attacks on U.S. vital interests and ensure U.S. freedom of action in space and cyberspace.
- Deliver integrated kinetic and non-kinetic effects to include nuclear and information operations in support of U.S. Joint Force Commander operations.
- Synchronize plans for global missile defense, operations and regional combating of weapons of mass destruction.
- Provide integrated surveillance and reconnaissance allocation recommendations to the secretary of defense.
- Accomplishes USSTRATCOM's Airborne Command Post with the Take Charge and Move Out (TACAMO) E-6B Mercury aircraft supported by the U.S. Navy.

Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA)

- Maximizes America's power through the exploitation of timely, accurate and relevant weather information.
- Serves as a Field Operating Agency, reporting to the Air Force director of weather, deputy chief of staff Air and Space Operations, and serves as lead command executing a \$175 million annual budget.
- More than 1,400 men and women at 14 locations worldwide produce 800,000 products daily for every military operation, contingency mission and humanitarian relief effort conducted by the U.S.
- AFWA is located in a new 188-thousand-square-foot Gold LEED green-certified building.

The business community, through the Omaha Development Foundation, purchased 136 acres adjacent to Offutt for potential base expansion and to provide increased security.

National Guard

The Nebraska Army and Air National Guard account for approximately 5,000 military and civilian personnel and over \$160 million in annual payroll. The National Guard missions support an additional 1,300 jobs in the state. The estimated value of these indirect jobs is over \$45 million.

- Army National Guard soldiers can be found at over 40 locations in Nebraska.
- Consolidation of Army Guard and Reserve facilities resulted in \$50 million in construction and five new facilities in Nebraska within the last five years.
- The 155th Air Refueling Wing, based at the Municipal Airport in Lincoln, Neb., has flown the KC-135R Stratotanker since 1992 supporting numerous global military operations. In addition, the 170th Air National Guard Group provides a full range of support to the 55th Wing.



Nebraska provides low cost and highly reliable electric power generated from diverse sources — coal, nuclear, natural gas and renewable energy — saving Offutt \$2 million annually.

Infrastructure and Nebraska Location Assures Mission Success

Offutt is centrally located at the hub of the nation's fiber connectivity and communications networks, making it the ideal location for current and future military operations.

- Area around Offutt is world-renowned for its massive, sophisticated and carefully planned telecommunications infrastructure with more than 20 carriers, redundancy and varied routing options.
- Anchor location for a quad-core super computer, one of the world's fastest.
- Thriving information technology sector attracting companies with skilled, high-tech workforces, including Yahoo! and Google.
- Outstanding access to air, rail, truck transportation and the convergence of Interstates 80 and 29.
- Greater Omaha's Eppley Airfield, a regional airport serving surrounding states, is served by 20 jet air carriers and eight freight carriers. These carriers provide approximately 200 flights daily, including 18 non-stop cities.