



Aerospace and Defense Testing



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Embry Riddle - Yuma



Embry-Riddle accepts up to 90 semester credits from non-traditional credits towards a degree. The total credit requirement for a bachelor's degree is 120 credits. Of the 120 credits, general education requirement is 36 credits, which can be completely earned

from AWC and transfer over. The tuition per credit for Active Duty student is \$250, which matches with the maximum amount covered by the Tuition Assistance available for active duty students. Currently at MCAS Yuma, 1 student is enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Certificate course, 22 students enrolled in Bachelor's degree programs, and 2 students are working towards Master's degree programs through Embry-Riddle. Companies seeking to provide continuing education for their employees can utilize Embry Riddle's extensive Aviation catalogue of courses for training in Yuma.

Major Defense installations

While there is large defense-related civilian employment around Tucson, Phoenix and Yuma much of the direct employment is linked to Arizona's major defense installations. These installations include:

- Yuma Proving Ground (Yuma)
- Marine Corps Air Station (Yuma)
- Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (Tucson)
- Fort Huachuca (Sierra Vista)
- Luke Air Force Base (Glendale)

Yuma Proving Ground

Yuma Proving Ground, one of the largest military installations in the world, is situated in western Yuma County and southwestern La Paz County 30 miles from the City of Yuma encompassing 1,307.8 square miles in the Sonoran Desert. YPG is used for testing military equipment, munitions and artillery systems in an area almost completely removed from urban encroachment and noise concerns. Yuma Proving Ground is the largest single employer of civilians (nearly 3000) in the county with a total economic impact in Yuma County of over \$430 million annually.

Yuma Proving Ground features:

- Restricted airspace amounts of over 2,000 square miles.
- 24/7 Onsite and Offsite testing facilities and support staff
- The longest overland artillery range (40 miles) in the nation
- The most highly instrumented helicopter armament test range in the Department of Defense
- Over 200 miles of improved road courses for testing tracked and wheeled military vehicles
- Over 600 miles of fiber-optic cable linking test locations
- The most modern mine and demolitions test facility in the western hemisphere
- Six airfields servicing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, helicopters and fixed wing aircraft conducting personnel and cargo parachute drops
- One of the premiere test and evaluation sites for improvised explosive devices (IEDs)

Defense Contractor Complex

Yuma Airport's Defense Contractor Complex (DCC) located at Yuma International Airport is America's newest and most promising defense aviation park. Opened in January 2009, the 120 acre park, located at the Yuma International Airport targets and supports Defense Contractors from Boeing to General Electric. The Defense Contractor Complex provides a center for completing the secure and technological based activities required by contractors.

- \$500m invested in new infrastructure to support the 2012 arrival of the F35B Stovl
- Four runways which range in size from 5,711' by 150' up to 13,300' by 200'
- 8 acre Defense Contractors Complex Apron
- 4 acre West VAL (visiting aircraft line)
- 12" thick concrete aprons and taxiways rated for 980,000 lb aircraft
- Controlled access — DoN Video Analytics Perimeter Security-Exceeds FAA Standards
- Foreign Trade Zone #219 - DCC is within the General Purpose Zone
- Facilities and 120 acre park immediately available for lease or purchase
- Clean desert air, low humidity, average 350 sunny days/year
- FBO services with government fuel contract, large aircraft support equipment
- Noise abatement procedures are built into the traffic patterns

Marine Corps Air Station Yuma

MCAS Yuma, located 2 miles from the city of Yuma, Arizona, is one of the Marine Corps' premier aviation training bases. It is also the busiest air station in the Marine Corps and the third busiest in the naval service. With access to 2.8 million acres of bombing and aviation training ranges and superb flying weather, MCAS Yuma supports 80 percent of the Corps' air-to-ground aviation training. With 4,249 military personnel and 1,877 civilian employees MCAS has a total economic impact in Yuma County of over \$485 million annually.

On December 9, 2010, MCAS Yuma was selected by the Department of the Navy as the future home of approximately 20% of the Marine Corps F-35B Joint Strike Fighter squadrons. The basing decision placed 88 of the short takeoff and vertical landing (STOVL) jets, making up five operational squadrons of 16 aircraft each and one operational test and evaluation squadron of eight aircraft, at MCAS Yuma. The squadrons will replace 56 AV-8B Harriers in Yuma's four existing squadrons

MCAS Yuma features:

- 10,000 Square Miles of Special-Use Airspace for Training
- 2,000 Square Miles for Aerial Bombing and Gunnery Range
- Largest Tactical Aviation Training Range in Marine Corps
- Shared Use Airfield with FAA certified Yuma International Airport
- Only Joint-Use Air Station in the Marine Corps
- 13,300 ft. & 11,000 ft. runways



LOCAL INCENTIVES

New Market Tax Credits

Below market interest loans guaranteed by federal government for the purpose of stimulating development in rural communities. Companies utilizing New Market Tax Credits pay on the interest only of the loan for seven years. After the 7th year, the loan is forgiven and the company is awarded the principal and equity of the loan.

Yuma Private Industry Council

YPIC offers programs that cover the entire costs of employee training, including teaching, materials, equipment and other expenses. Companies can additionally qualify for reimbursement of 50% employee salaries paid during training for up to 6 months.

STATE INCENTIVES

Arizona's \$25 Million Deal Closing Fund

Arizona has taken a progressive position by offering attraction funds to companies meeting performance measures that benefit both the company and the citizens of Arizona. Utilization of this resource will generate investment in business projects that stimulate and promote industries providing high-wage and stable jobs. In order to assure a return on investment to the state, performance safeguards are a requirement of these funds.

Income Tax Credits Up to \$9,000 for Each Qualifying New Job

The Quality Jobs Tax Credit replaces Arizona's expiring Enterprise Zone Program. It provides per-employee tax credits of \$3,000 per year for up to three years. Credits may be carried forward for five years. Eligibility qualifications are different from rural and metro areas and focus on capital investment and net new job creation (5 new jobs – rural/25 new jobs metro).

30% Reduction in Arizona's Corporate Income Tax Rate

Corporate income tax rates in Arizona will be decreasing from 6.97% down to 4.9% from 2014 to 2017. This new 30% lower rate makes Arizona's rate one of the five lowest in the country.

Site Location Assistance

For more information about locating your business in Yuma, Arizona
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STATE INCENTIVES *continued*

\$1.5 Million in Reimbursable Grants to Train Employees

Arizona provides reimbursable grants to employers that implement job-specific training plans for new jobs or for training plans that increase the skill level of current employees. Award amounts range from \$2,000 to \$8,000 per position depending upon company size and location.

100% Electable Sales Factor for Multi-State Corporations

New legislation increases the electable sales factor for multi-state corporations from 80 % to 100% between FY2014 and FY2017. This provides businesses with the opportunity to reduce their tax burden.

15% Increase in Personal Property Exemptions

Effective with the 2011 tax year, Arizona's personal property exemption is increasing from \$67,000 up to \$79,000 by using the Employment Cost Index (ECI) rather than the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator (GDIPIPD).

Lower Commercial Property Assessment Ratio—just 18%

The Arizona commercial property assessment ratio is being reduced by 10% down to 18% by 2017. This continues a 10-year trend of reducing property taxes in Arizona.

Accelerated Depreciation Schedules

Five-year accelerated depreciation schedules have been increased to help companies recover their investments even faster.

Research and Development Tax Credit

The Arizona Competitiveness Package provides increased tax credits on qualified R&D expenditures — credits will now range from 25% to 34%. R&D expenditures must be made in cooperation with an Arizona university. Tax credits are based upon R&D increases over prior years.

With Tax Credits and Tax Improvements for a Small Business

Arizona's Angel Tax Credits are now available to a much larger group of companies. Improvements to this credit include elimination of capital gains tax for investments made in qualified small businesses.

Tax Reductions by Investing in Renewable Energy

Companies engaged in solar, wind, geothermal and other renewable energy industries may obtain up to a 10% refundable income tax and up to a 75% reduction on real and personal property taxes.

FEDERAL INCENTIVES

Foreign Trade Zone

Arizona offers up to an 80% reduction in state real and personal property taxes by operating in a Federally qualified Foreign Trade Zone. The reduction is good for the entire time that a company operates in the FTZ.