



EADS North America Opens Huntsville, Alabama Regional Office
Facility will support company participation in a broad array of U.S. Army, and other government programs.

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EADS North America has inaugurated its Huntsville, Alabama regional office, marking a further expansion of the company's U.S. presence and providing a local interface for U.S. Army program managers.

"EADS- North America is a welcome addition to the elite cadre of aerospace giants already located in our community," said Dave Hargrove, chairman of the board for the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County. "The work being performed out at Redstone Arsenal means Huntsville is where the action is—and now it's where EADS-North America is located," he noted during the company's announcement ceremony.

"Our new Huntsville facility is another element of EADS North America's growth in the U.S., and is an important part of our strategy to invest, win and perform on key U.S. Army programs," said EADS North America chairman and CEO, Ralph D. Crosby, Jr.

The office, located in Huntsville's Cummings Research Park, will support EADS North America's participation in a full range of U.S. defense initiatives through such product offerings as the C-295/CN-235 Future Cargo Aircraft (FCA), TransHospital mobile hospital, UH-145 Light Utility Helicopter and helicopter engine test equipment.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer commented, "Huntsville welcomes EADS North America to the Tennessee Valley. Redstone Arsenal is a vital and unique asset for our nation's security. We look forward to working with our new defense partners in pursuit of this important mission." Mike Gillespie, chairman of the Madison County Commission, added, "Huntsville is a center for aerospace technology excellence. The decision by EADS-North America to locate an office in Huntsville certainly illustrates the company's vision to expand its strategy and success in the U.S."

The Huntsville office will be managed by the EADS North America Defense business unit. "We are offering best-value solutions for the U.S. Army's current and future mission requirements, and our new Huntsville office will ensure that we respond to the service's needs for information and support on these programs," David R. Oliver Jr., the Chief Executive Officer of EADS North America Defense, said.

For ongoing U.S. Army competitive procurements, EADS North America leads an industry team that is offering the UH-145 for the Light Utility Helicopter mission, and the company has joined with Raytheon Corporation in proposing EADS CASA's C-295/CN-235 airlifters for the Future Cargo Aircraft requirement.

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