

Aviation in Kent & Medway



- World class companies such as **BAe Systems, Aeromet International, Meggit plc and FLIR Systems** are only a few companies within this long established sector in Kent.
- A strong company base of almost **50 companies** employs over **2,700 people**, with links to a further **2,000 engineering companies** in the region with over **17,000 employees**.
- Kent's aviation sector is largely concentrated in East Kent, which is home to almost a third of aviation companies and over half the county's workforce in the sector.
- **Kent International Airport** has one of the longest runways in the country and offers passenger and freight services to a number of countries. It is also one of the UK's fastest growing air freight terminals.
- **London Ashford Airport** is a commercially orientated company with wide ranging aviation experience. Located in the UK's largest county supporting up to 300,000 passengers a year.
- The proximity of Kent to all the major London airports (approx 1 hour) and also to the major hubs of Paris and Brussels (approx 2 hours) make it ideal as a location for European aerospace companies.
- **BAe Systems** is one of the largest private sector employers at a facility in Rochester, dedicated to the Avionic Systems and C41SR businesses. Operations involve both manufacturing and R&D. Based within BAe Systems is the **Medway Innovation Centre** which acts as a business hub suited for high-tech small businesses and start-ups.
- **Meggit plc** is based in Ashford is a world leader in the design, development and manufacture of aerial targets, unmanned aircraft and associated equipment for the defence industry.
- **FLIR Systems** is based at Kings Hill and is the global leader in innovative imaging systems, including infrared cameras, aerial broadcast cameras and machine vision systems for the aerospace and defence industries.
- For further information on the Aviation sector in Kent and its company base, please visit www.locateinkent.com or contact us on 00 44 1732 520700 / enquiries@locateinkent.com.