ASCEND
Aerospace Supply Chain
El Paso Network for Defense

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EL PASO'S SUPPLIERS IN THE AEROSPACE & DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

The **ASCEND** program (Aerospace Supply Chain El Paso Network for Defense) is a strategic initiative funded by the **Economic Development Administration** (EDA) for the **City of El Paso** and the **UTEP Aerospace Center**. Through the **Build Back Better Regional Challenge** (BBBRC) program, which provides zero-cost expert consulting and training, it is supported by the **United States-Mexico Foundation for Science (FUMEC)** along with regional partners.

Small- and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) are invited to join our development program, which will elevate their operational readiness and secure direct connections with the industry: OEMs, Tier primes, and public & private defense agencies

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Expanding Global Demand: Capitalize on the long-term stability of a market exceeding 28,000 commercial aircraft and 54,000 military platforms with 15-to-35-year procurement cycles.

Nearshoring & Supply Chain Resilience: Respond to the urgent demand for import substitution and supply chain security across North America as a certified local supplier.

Zero Cost Benefits: Gain access to international specialized consultants, training, and strategic tools to increase your opportunities to grow into the A&D supply chain.

KEY PROGRAM BENEFITS

Business opportunities with specifications and amounts classified by technological capabilities.

Integration into the Official Technological Capabilities Inventory for the A&D industry.

Specialized diagnosis and consulting through the exclusive TechBA War Room (TWR) methodology of FUMEC

Training in RFQ preparation, costs, pricing structure (Fly-to-Buy), and CMMC compliance.

TARGET COMPANY PROFILE

- Metal-mechanics
- Plastic injection
- Carbon and fiberglass composites
- Foundry with different alloys (Forgings & Castings)
- Molds and dies
- High-precision machining
- Thermal and surface treatments
- Coatings and paint
- AI & defense platforms
- A&D Research
- Surface Mount Technology (SMT)
- Machinery and equipment
- Metrology and Non-Destructive Testing (END / NDT)
- Interior suppliers
- Military equipment
- UAVs and other warfare devices
- Raw material

PHASES & PARTICIPATION PATHWAY (6 MONTH PROGRAM)



INVESTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT

Zero-Cost Institutional
Funded by the U.S. EDA and the City of El Paso through the BBBRC West Texas Aerospace and Defense Coalition, the ASCEND project delivers expert consulting, diagnostics, and specialized training tailored for accepted SMMs. Apply today to elevate your manufacturing capabilities.

Participant Commitment: Dedicated leadership time for assessment, training and consulting activities, as well as travel/logistics for select in-person trade missions.

The Opportunity: Partner with elite global consultants to accelerate your entry into the A&D supply chain and anchor your business in North America's premier manufacturing hub.

SUSCRIBE NOW AND ENROLL YOUR COMPANY IN THE FUTURE OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

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