THE FUTURE IS BUILT HERE

Boeing in the UK

Boeing has partnered with the United Kingdom for more than 80 years. We’ve grown to almost 2,500 employees — Boeing’s largest European employee base — in 65 locations, across three main business areas: commercial, defence and global services. We have a long-standing relationship with British industry, the armed forces and the air transport supply chain. Nearly 400 Boeing aeroplanes are operated in the UK with 12 carriers, and 118 Boeing Chinook, Apache and C-17 aircraft provide battle-winning, life-saving capability to the UK armed forces. The UK is an important market, supplier base and source of some of the world’s most innovative technology partners.

OUR COMMITMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

- **1938**
  A UK partner for more than 80 years
- **21,000**
  People employed directly and in the Tier 1 supply chain
- **65**
  Boeing locations across the UK
- **500+**
  Boeing aircraft in the UK commercial and defence fleets
- **£16.5M**
  Spent promoting UK innovation, doubling investment in R&D since 2015
- **£3.5M+**
  Spend focused on STEM and veteran support projects since 2011

INVESTMENTS

Boeing is investing nearly £200 million in three major infrastructure projects in the UK, growing the local aerospace sector, creating jobs and driving innovation for mutual benefit.

- **£100M**
  With the Ministry of Defence at RAF Lossiemouth
- **£88M**
  For a new hangar at Gatwick
- **£40M**
  In the company’s first European factory in Sheffield

DRIVING UK SUPPLY CHAIN COMPETITIVENESS AND MUTUAL PROSPERITY IN BRITAIN

- **£7.6B**
  Spent by Boeing with its UK supply chain between 2015 and 2018
- **2018**
  Office opened in Seattle to help UK companies export to Boeing in the US
- **198**
  UK companies attended Boeing supply chain events in 2018
- **37%**
  Increase in bid opportunities for UK companies, including SMEs, between 2015 and 2017
- **6**
  Strategic long-term research partnerships with universities across England and Scotland
BOEING IN THE UK

Our Presence

Boeing’s partnership with the UK began more than 80 years ago. Today, Boeing employs nearly 2,500 people at 65 sites across the UK, from Lossiemouth to Gosport. They are engaged in all aspects of Boeing’s business, from commercial and defense to aviation services and creating the technology of tomorrow.

The partnership is a growing one. In support of UK prosperity, Boeing announced a number of initiatives in July 2016, including a plan to double its employment in the UK and enhance the value of the aerospace sector by growing and developing its domestic supply chain. In 2017, Boeing activities supported a third more jobs in the UK than five years before. Boeing has spent £7.6 billion with suppliers based in the UK.

The company has more than 200 UK suppliers and strategic partnerships with six universities: Bristol, Cambridge, Cranfield, Sheffield, Southampton and Strathclyde. Notably, Boeing co-founded with the University of Sheffield and continues to support the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, a world-class Catapult research facility. Boeing has continued to invest and grow in South Yorkshire with the opening of Boeing Sheffield in 2018. Also in 2018, Boeing launched the Office of UK Industrial Collaboration (OUKIC) in Seattle. OUKIC brings UK companies to the US to make them aware of and better positioned to bid for major export opportunities. In 2012, Boeing became the first company to sign up to the Ministry of Defence’s Defence and Security Industrial Engagement Policy, which encourages overseas-based companies to make a firm commitment to continue business activities in the UK for the long term.

Boeing Defence UK

Boeing delivers leading-edge technology, products, services and capabilities to bring the best value to the Ministry of Defence, the emergency services and security services. Boeing platforms in service with British armed forces include the Apache attack helicopter, Chinook heavy-lift helicopter and C-17 military transport aircraft. Boeing is also under contract to deliver nine P-8A maritime patrol aircraft and five Wedgetail AEW Mk 1 airborne early warning and control aircraft.

Boeing provides training and sustainment for aircraft in UK service. In 2007, Boeing established The Portal, a state-of-the-art centre providing customers a real-time, dynamic environment using the latest in modelling, simulation, analysis and experimentation. Boeing conducts requirements analysis for a number of UK government agencies, from the Ministry of Defence to the NHS.

Boeing Commercial Airlines

Boeing has a long history of success with UK airlines. British Airways, the national carrier, has more than 130 Boeing airplanes in its fleet, including 747, 777 and 787 models. In early 2019 the carrier announced a commitment to purchase as many as 42 777X aeroplanes. Ryanair, an Irish airline with a UK stock market listing and a significant presence in country, operates Europe’s largest fleet of 737-800s.

The 787 is making a major contribution to delivering sustainable aviation growth in the UK and has entered into service with British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Airways. Several major UK aerospace companies play a significant part in the 787, including Rolls-Royce, whose engines comprise 25 percent of the aircraft’s value.

Boeing is also partnering more closely with the UK by opening its first manufacturing facility in Europe in Sheffield. UK employees supply their US counterparts at Boeing Portland with components for trailing edge actuator systems for 737 and 767 aircraft. The 6,200-square-metre Boeing Sheffield facility is located alongside the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre.

Boeing Global Services

Boeing Global Fleet Care was set up in the UK in May 2011, expanding into a new Farnley site in 2014 at Boeing Commercial Aviation Services Europe Ltd (BCASEL), to provide commercial aviation services. Boeing has invested £88 million in a new hangar for commercial aviation maintenance customers at London Gatwick Airport. Near the site of the new hangar Boeing Flight Services runs a flight and technical training centre for flight crew and maintenance personnel. The centre trains pilots and technicians from airlines across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The current 4,900-square-metre facility houses classrooms, fixed training devices, eight full-flight simulators and an exclusive 787 training suite. A current expansion will make the facility the largest Boeing training site outside the United States.

Subsidiaries

Boeing has a number of subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, including Jeppesen UK, Continental DataGraphics, Aviall UK and Miro Technologies. Recent acquisitions with a presence in the United Kingdom include AerData, ETS Aviation, 2ds Sensing and the ATIL Apache training company.

A HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP

1938

1944
More than 1,000 DC-3s and C-47s airlift paratroopers across the English Channel on D-Day.

1960
British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) introduces the 707 on its London-New York service.

1971
BOAC operates its first 747 flight between London Heathrow and New York.

1991
RAF Chinooks participate in Operation Haven, airlifting humanitarian aid to Kurdish refugees in Turkey.

2001
The C-17 Globemaster III is formally accepted into RAF service.

2013
The first 787 Dreamliner for a UK airlines arrives at Manchester following its delivery flight from Seattle.

2016
Boeing and the UK government announce a long-term initiative, including nine P-8A aircraft.

2018
Boeing opens its first factory in Europe in Sheffield.