Thriving, Diverse Place
to Do Business

Vibrant quality of life — nationally recognized arts,
sports and entertainment.
Nebraska has a pro-business tax climate — cost of
doing business is 15 percent below the national
average.
Performance-based incentives allow firms to earn
tax credits, refunds and exemptions for investment
and new job creation.
Approximately 36 percent of the metro population
is under 25 years of age compared to 34 percent
nationally.
ACCRA Cost of Living Index shows Greater
Omaha’s cost of living ranges from 10 to 13
percent less than the national average.
Public and private k-12 education nationally
recognized for excellence.
Sixteen public and private post-secondary
institutions offer degrees that support missions
at Offutt. With a combined student enrollment
of almost 60,000, with approximately 10,000
graduates each year. Regionally, 1,500 students
are graduates with technology, engineering and
engineering-tech degrees.

Universities include:

University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Jeffrey S.
Raikes School of Computer Science and
Management develops entrepreneurial
leadership for the information technology
industry by providing a unique blended
curriculum of computer science and business
management.
University of Nebraska’s Peter Kiewit Institute
of Information Science, Technology and
Engineering helps meet the needs of the
nation’s technology and engineering firms by
providing a top-flight education to students
interested in pursuing careers in information
science, technology and engineering.
Creighton University’s Joe Ricketts Center
in Electronic Commerce and Database
Marketing promotes information technology
education and builds bridges with the business
community.

The Nebraska Military Support Coalition (NMSC)
is a nonprofit organization comprised of community
and area business leaders who work to ensure
necessary resources and investments are in place
to support the personnel and missions at Offutt. Its
vision is to retain Offutt as the premier operational
Air Force Base providing current and future
national security missions for the Department of
Defense and the U.S.

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Nebraska is proud of the national security
missions represented by the outstanding men
and women at Offutt AFB. We are committed
to supporting and sustaining Offutt’s missions
and personnel through dedicated leadership
and involvement. For over 50 years Nebraska
has been at the heart of this nation’s national
security missions. It remains the right place to
invest in the future.
— Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman

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University of Nebraska College of Law has the
only program in the U.S that offers a master of
law degree in space law. Two graduates from
the 2009 class work at U.S. Strategic Command
headquarters at Offutt.
Two major medical schools — the University of
Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Creighton
University Medical Center — as well as two
pharmacy schools, a school of dentistry and other
related health professional schools.
UNMC plays a vital role in bioterrorism
preparedness. Their biocontainment unit
is the largest unit in the country, important
to USSTRATCOM, NORTHCOM and U.S.
Department of Homeland Security.

Mutual of Omaha continues to invest in the
community with its new development,
Midtown Crossing at Turner Park.

Offutt is supported by united and committed
elected officials, Fortune 1000 civic leaders, area
chambers of commerce, military retirees and
community businesses dedicated to providing
resources and quality of life initiatives for Offutt’s
military personnel and families.

Offutt is postured to sustain
and grow its current missions while
promoting a vision that welcomes new
missions of the future.
Offutt Air Force Base

Eastern Nebraska is a thriving area of more than 1.2 million people and has been home to Offutt for more than 50 years. It shares the immediate area with Omaha, the largest city in the state, Bellevue, the oldest city in the state and five fortune 500 headquarters — Berkshire Hathaway, Union Pacific Railroad, ConAgra Foods, Inc., Peter Kiewit Sons’, Inc. and Mutual of Omaha.

Offutt is one of Nebraska’s largest employers, with 8,000 military and civilian personnel. Nearly 32,000 military, civilians, contractors, dependents, retirees, and families make their home in the area. The base generates almost 4,400 secondary jobs regionally. Offutt is a vital part of Nebraska’s economy with an annual economic impact of nearly $2.7 billion. Additionally, more than 65 defense companies have a presence near Offutt, providing direct support to its missions.

In the last few years, Offutt has invested in excess of $125 million to construct a fire station, security gate, Base Exchange complex, control tower, Air Force Weather Agency headquarters building, child development center, major squadron building and has made extensive runway and ramp improvements. Family housing has been renovated and a community hospital was constructed.

The 97th Intelligence Squadron, a Silver LEED green-certified building, trains crypto linguists and other experts for the aerial reconnaissance operations. The 97th is one of the only units within the United States to train experts for the aerial reconnaissance operations.

55th Wing — Offutt’s Host Organization

- “Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth” provides global reconnaissance, real-time intelligence collection, command and control, information warfare, electronic attack, treaty verification and combat support to the Air Force, Combatant Commands, national leaders and other agencies.
- Largest wing in Air Combat Command operating on four continents and supporting eight diverse flying missions.
- Provides the president of the United States a survivable command center enabling him to transmit directives to U.S. military forces during peacetime and war (E4B National Airborne Operations Center).
- Host command to 50 associate organizations including USSSTRATCOM and the Air Force Weather Agency.

U.S. Strategic Command

- Deter attacks on U.S. vital interests and ensure U.S. freedom of action in space and cyberspace.
- Deliver integrated kinetic and non-kinetic effects to include nuclear and information operations in support of U.S. Joint Force Commander operations.
- Synchronize plans for global missile defense, operations and regional combating of weapons of mass destruction.
- Provide integrated surveillance and reconnaissance allocation recommendations to the secretary of defense.
- Accomplishes USSSTRATCOM’s Airborne Command Post with the Take Charge and Move Out (TACAMO) E-6B Mercury aircraft supported by the U.S. Navy.

Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA)

- Maximizes America’s power through the exploitation of timely, accurate and relevant weather information.
- Serves as a Field Operating Agency, reporting to the Air Force director of weather, deputy chief of staff Air and Space Operations, and serves as lead command executing a $175 million annual budget.
- More than 1,400 men and women at 14 locations worldwide produce 800,000 products daily for every military operation, contingency mission and humanitarian relief effort conducted by the U.S.
- AFWA is located in a new 188-thousand-square-foot Gold LEED green-certified building.

National Guard

The Nebraska Army and Air National Guard account for approximately 5,000 military and civilian personnel and over $160 million in annual payroll. The National Guard missions support an additional 1,300 jobs in the state. The estimated value of these indirect jobs is over $45 million.

- Army National Guard soldiers can be found at over 40 locations in Nebraska.
- Consolidation of Army Guard and Reserve facilities, through the Omaha Development Foundation, purchased 136 acres adjacent to Offutt for potential base expansion and to provide increased security.
- The business community, Omaha Development Foundation, purchased 136 acres adjacent to Offutt for potential base expansion and to provide increased security.

Nebraska provides low cost and highly reliable electric power generated from diverse sources — coal, nuclear, natural gas and renewable energy — saving Offutt $2 million annually.

Infrastructure and Nebraska Location Assures Mission Success

Offutt is centrally located at the hub of the nation’s fiber connectivity and communications networks, making it the ideal location for current and future military operations.

- Area around Offutt is world-renowned for its massive, sophisticated and carefully planned telecommunications infrastructure with more than 20 carriers, redundancy and varied routing options.
- Anchor location for a quad-core super computer, one of the world’s fastest.
- Thriving information technology sector attracting companies with skilled, high-tech workforces, including Yahoo! and Google.
- Outstanding access to air, rail, truck transportation and the convergence of Interstates 80 and 29.
- Greater Omaha’s Eppley Airfield, a regional airport serving surrounding states, is served by 20 jet air carriers and eight freight carriers. These carriers provide approximately 200 flights daily, including 18 non-stop cities.