

Dallas adds tremendous value for building materials, systems, furniture and furnishing companies. The Dallas Market Center is the world's leading venue for lighting, furniture and interior design products. With the City's green building code and innovative developers like Hillwood and Trammell Crow, Dallas offers many opportunities to market new and existing products. The city's interstate highways, intermodal rail centers and airports connect to the entire North American market and beyond.

Employment & Wages

- 24,200 jobs in DFW
- 11,034 construction firms associated with advanced building components and systems in DFW
- 2,754 advanced building components and systems manufacturing firms in DFW
- Managers of material workers earn an average of \$21.08 per hour
- General manufacturing employment in Dallas is expected to increase by 3,450 jobs for a total of 149,250 by 2014.
- Selected Occupation Employment
- 29,730 Construction Laborers
- 22,380 Team Assemblers
- 8,180 Carpenters

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages: Advanced Building & Design Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	San Francisco	Phoenix
Construction Laborers	\$10.57	\$9.83	\$19.28	\$15.67	\$21.97	\$13.02
Team Assemblers	\$9.93	\$9.87	\$9.94	\$10.35	\$13.53	\$10.54
Carpenters	\$14.67	\$14.92	\$31.09	\$22.96	\$28.51	\$16.07
Construction Managers	\$29.39	\$31.92	\$41.07	\$46.91	\$50.00	\$36.50
Civil Engineers	\$35.06	\$41.71	\$35.61	\$37.78	\$39.22	\$34.41
Architects	\$31.89	\$34.25	\$32.57	\$36.37	\$35.38	\$32.83

Leading Companies

- Texas Industries (TXI) is the largest low-cost supplier of cement in Texas.
- DFW is a construction headquarters for Fluor Corp., Centex Corp., Austin, and Turner, and a major design headquarters for HKS, and Corgan Assoc.
- TD Industries was rated one of the top 100 companies to work for in the U.S.

Testimonials

"Dallas conducts business in a way that supports the private sector. It's not a battle; the City of Dallas understands the importance of collaboration and a cooperative spirit."

-David Lind, Managing Principal and CEO, Corgan Associates, Inc.

Leading Dallas Advanced Building Components and Systems Companies

Company	Service	Local Employees
Faubion Associates	Cabinets	375
Continental Cabinets	Cabinets	300
Overhead Door Corp.	Prefab Bldg	180
Western Cabinets	Cabinets	140
Atrium Company	Windows & Doors	100

Dallas Advantages

- Total industry sales in Dallas in 2007: \$4,334,195,784
- Dallas Market Center houses over 25,000 lines of home furnishings, lighting, furniture and gifts in 5 million square feet of space, where 200,000 buyers from 84 countries conduct \$8B in transactions annually.
- DFW will grow by 3 million people by 2030, fueling local demand for building components and furniture
- Dallas' position on the NAFTA Superhighway allows for reduced tariffs and trade
- Five interstate highways, three Class I rail lines, the intersection of four state highways, and two major airports make shipping worldwide cost-effective
- Dallas hosts the National Green Association Building Conference in May 2009

Education and Industry Linkages

- Four local universities support competitive engineering programs
- Two universities offer degrees in construction science and construction engineering



The Dallas region continues to be a magnet for companies seeking a business-friendly, low-cost environment. Companies position their headquarters, administrative operations, and back office activities here because of our centralized location and proximity to regional, national, and international markets.

Employment

- 751,810 management, financial operations, and administrative support positions in DFW
- Total employment in this sector has more than doubled in the last ten years

Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category

- 49,350 General and Operations Managers
- 42,000 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks
- 29,320 Accountants and Auditors

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages

Selected Management and Operations Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	New York	Boston
General and Operations Managers	\$45.89	\$45.98	\$49.43	\$49.89	\$63.75	\$49.16
Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerks	\$15.48	\$15.40	\$16.46	\$17.25	\$17.85	\$17.99
Accountants and auditors	\$27.88	\$27.87	\$29.58	\$30.37	\$34.22	\$30.10
Human Resources Specialists	\$28.70	\$25.98	\$24.75	\$28.37	\$27.21	\$29.89
Sales Representatives (Ser vices)	\$24.15	\$24.17	\$25.12	\$25.08	\$28.87	\$28.96
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.24	\$13.67	\$15.86	\$15.44	\$15.96	\$17.35

Dallas Advantages

- Total revenue of top 25 public companies in DFW (2008): \$645,583,290,000
- Company management employment is concentrated locally at 50% above the national average.
- Funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles cluster in Dallas at almost twice the national average.
- There are 12 Fortune 500 and 20 Fortune 1000 companies headquartered in the Dallas area. Of these, 19 are located in the city of Dallas.
- The combined revenue of all Dallas Fortune 1000 firms exceeds \$120 billion annually.
- Several firms have recently chosen Dallas as their new home including AT&T, Comerica, and Tenet Healthcare.
- 38 Colleges and Universities in DFW host business management programs.

Testimonials

“As Ryan grows internationally, Dallas is becoming an even bigger strategic partner for us. By locating our new data center to support U.S., Canadian, and United Kingdom operations in Dallas, we can take advantage of a strong pool of technology workers in a dynamic, but relatively low cost, city. Dallas is also the obvious choice for our conference and training center, allowing us to take advantage of its proximity to our major markets and its superb air transportation facilities. On top of these strategic advantages, we’ve received strong support from the City of Dallas Office of Economic Development making our continued investment in Dallas an easy decision.”

- G. Brint Ryan, CEO, Ryan, Inc.

“Opportunity comes in many forms. Historically, Dallas has been a beacon for business and cultural opportunity attracting entrepreneurs, startup businesses, middle-market companies, major corporations as well as international entities. Dallas’ rich cultural heritage combined with its favorable economic business climate encourages and rewards businesses who call Dallas home as well as those who seek to do business in Dallas. As a regional law firm headquartered in Dallas, this provides many opportunities for us.”

-Dan Butcher, Managing Partner, Strasburger & Price, LLP



Targeted Industries: Food Manufacturing

Businesses in the food manufacturing sector in Dallas-Fort Worth take agricultural products from around the world and create a variety of foods for both local and international consumption. Firms usually sell their wares to wholesalers or retailers for distribution, but some, such as bakeries and candy manufacturers, make products for the public to enjoy directly.

Employment & Wages

- 20,417 food manufacturing jobs in DFW
- 387 food manufacturing firms in DFW
- Wages average \$791 per week
- Selected Occupation Employment
 - 8,720 Helpers-Production Workers
 - 7,430 Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders
 - 1,980 Food Batchmakers

Leading Companies

- Pilgrim's Pride Corp. is one of the largest private employers in Dallas, with more than 1,800 local employees.
- Brinker International (Chili's Bar & Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy and On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina) is one of the world's leading food service companies and is headquartered in Dallas
- 7-Eleven Corp. is the largest convenience chain retailer in the world and is headquartered in downtown Dallas

Education and Industry Linkages

- All DFW community colleges support studies in food preparation and service
- Texas Woman's University offers bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in nutrition and food science

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages

Selected Food Manufacturing Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles
Helpers-Production Workers	\$8.59	\$8.88	\$8.96	\$9.24
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	\$10.30	\$10.86	\$11.66	\$9.89
Food Batchmakers	\$8.77	\$7.89	\$11.94	\$9.73

Dallas Advantages

- Total Industry Sales in Dallas in 2007: \$5,755,165,807
- DFW has over 147 M square feet of refrigerated warehouse space
- Texas food manufacturers enjoyed productivity gains of 16.5% between 1997 and 2004
- Dallas has a history of food and food delivery innovation: the convenience store, the frozen margarita and the casual dining concept were invented here
- DFW manufacturers have a natural logistics edge over the competition due to shorter and more cost efficient transportation networks to East Asia, where 58% of U.S. manufacturers have a presence
- Dallas' position in the NAFTA Superhighway allows for reduced tariffs and trade throughout North America

Leading Dallas Food Manufacturing Companies

Company	Service	Local Employees
Brinker International	Food Service	8,728
Tom Thumb	Grocery	5,799
Mission Foods	Tortillas and Chips	500
Gatorade	Sports beverage	300
Dean Foods	Milk and Dairy	300

Testimonial

"The City of Dallas was instrumental in helping us relocate our new Nestlé Waters North America bottling facility. South Dallas is the ideal location for us to continue serving our customers around the region and it gave us the opportunity to design a state-of-the-art bottling facility that was built to achieve the US Green Building Council's LEED Certification. We greatly appreciate the collaborative environment and expertise that City of Dallas officials provided us throughout our site selection process."

- Eric Gustafson, Supply Chain Manager, Nestlé Waters North America

City of Dallas Economic Profile



City of Dallas

This sector includes: Breakfast Cereal Manufacturing, Chocolate and Confectionery Manufacturing from Cacao Beans, Confectionery Manufacturing from Purchased Chocolate, Nonchocolate Confectionery Manufacturing, Frozen Fruit, Juice, and Vegetable Manufacturing, Frozen Specialty Food Manufacturing, Fruit and Vegetable Canning, Specialty Canning, Dried and Dehydrated Food Manufacturing, Fluid Milk Manufacturing, Creamery Butter Manufacturing, Cheese Manufacturing, Dry, Condensed, and Evaporated Dairy Product Manufacturing, Ice Cream and Frozen Dessert Manufacturing, Commercial Bakeries, Frozen Cakes, Pies, and Other Pastries Manufacturing, Cookie and Cracker Manufacturing, Flour Mixes and Dough Manufacturing from Purchased Flour, Dry Pasta Manufacturing, Tortilla Manufacturing, Roasted Nuts and Peanut Butter Manufacturing, Other Snack Food Manufacturing, Coffee and Tea Manufacturing, Flavoring Syrup and Concentrate Manufacturing, Spice and Extract Manufacturing, Perishable Prepared Food Manufacturing, Soft Drink Manufacturing, Bottled Water Manufacturing, Ice Manufacturing, Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries.

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Instrument firms manufacture, service, distribute and sell devices designed to advance the scientific, medical, optical, navigational, and electronic industries. Dallas serves as a nexus for instrumentation, as it enjoys a combination of a central location, a strong workforce, and a history of innovation.

Employment

- 68,410 Instrument-related positions in DFW
- 2,398 Instrument-related firms in DFW

Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category

- 16,380 Software Systems Engineers
- 12,640 Software Applications Engineers
- 7,880 Machinists

Leading Companies

- Texas Instruments, headquartered in Dallas, is one of the largest companies in DFW, with over 30,000 employees. Its one of the world's leading manufacturers of digital signal processors
- Dallas-based Plexon, Inc. enjoyed revenue growth of over 40% over the last few years
- Medical instrumentation continues to enjoy strong growth: St. Jude's Medical Neuromodulation Division added several hundred positions in 2008 in the Dallas area.

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages Selected Instrument Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	San Jose
Software Systems Engineers	\$43.65	\$43.26	\$44.23	\$43.54	\$52.56
Software Applications Engineers	\$42.19	\$40.34	\$40.07	\$43.42	\$50.27
Semiconductor Processors	\$14.48	n/a	\$10.95	\$16.67	\$18.89
Machinists	\$14.68	\$15.30	\$16.86	\$16.59	\$20.24
Industrial Production Managers	\$44.45	\$47.28	\$40.29	\$39.73	\$51.84
Mechanical Engineers	\$40.27	\$39.85	\$33.67	\$38.67	\$46.74

Dallas Advantages

- Total Industry Sales in Dallas in 2007: \$1,864,559,277
- Electronic component manufacturing (including semiconductors) is concentrated 44% more in Dallas than the nation as a whole
- Embedded processors are expected to be the next high-demand product in this industry. DFW is well positioned to benefit from this trend
- The Global Semiconductor Alliance, which represents firms in 25 countries at all points on the supply chain, is headquartered in Dallas.

Education & Industry Linkages

- Dallas benefits from a regional network of highly ranked college engineering programs.
- UT Dallas graduates more computer scientists than any other U.S. university.
- Major local universities are partnering with businesses to develop new semiconductor labs
- Four DFW colleges offer Associate's degrees in Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology
- Research labs at major universities in DFW support development of industry products, including wireless systems, electronic circuits, and optical devices



The Information Technology (IT) industry deals with the design, development and support of computer-based hardware and software systems. This industry has seen tremendous growth in the last several decades, due in no small part to the thousands of innovative firms that operate in the DFW Metroplex.

Employment

- 120,870 jobs in DFW
- 3,716 firms providing computer systems design in DFW

Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category

- 17,190 Systems Analysts
- 16,720 Computer Support Specialists
- 16,380 Software Systems Engineers

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages Selected IT Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	San Francisco	Boston
Systems Analysts	\$37.41	\$34.39	\$38.09	\$35.36	\$41.90	\$39.58
Computer Support Specialists	\$20.49	\$20.56	\$22.97	\$21.11	\$26.47	\$26.15
Software Systems Engineers	\$43.65	\$43.26	\$44.23	\$43.54	\$48.10	\$45.11
Programmers	\$37.58	\$36.47	\$34.13	\$35.70	\$37.78	\$34.70

Dallas Advantages

- Total Industry Sales in Dallas in 2007: \$11,817,437,114
- Data processing service firms cluster in Dallas at almost twice the national average
- Computer systems design and related services cluster at 2.5 times the national average
- New federal policies favoring digitization of medical records to an electronic format are expected to be a boon to the DFW IT industry
- The Dallas Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals has won several awards for its service network
- Dallas' IT industry is considered to be one of the largest regional markets in the nation
- DFW's central location makes the Metroplex a natural hub for IT component and service distribution

Education and Industry Linkages

- Dallas is well served by a network 31 institutions of higher education offering IT-related degree programs
- University of Texas Dallas and Southern Methodist University have been named National Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Research
- The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at University of Texas Arlington funds over \$7 million in annual research

Leading Companies

- Affiliated Computer Systems (ACS) is a Dallas-based Fortune 500 company with over \$5.3 billion in annual revenue
- CompuCom Systems is one of Dallas' largest employers of over 5,300 residents
- Perot Systems is one of DFW's largest firms with \$2.6 billion in revenue
- The \$13.9 billion integration of DFW-based EDS into Hewlett Packard is largest ever in the industry



Firms in the logistics sector plan, operate, and control the supply chain. As the geographic center of the New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, and Mexico City markets, Dallas is the 4th largest industrial market in the U.S. Thousands of firms use DFW as their local base to reach markets at a much lower cost than most other regions.

Employment

- Logistics employs 326,018 people in DFW
- There are 15,886 firms in DFW
- Employment increased by almost 20% in the last ten years
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Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category:

59,100 Laborers, Freight, Stock, and Material Movers

DFW Advantages

- Total Industry Sales in Dallas in 2007: \$3,170,915,599
- The International Inland Port of Dallas (IIPOD) serves as a catalyst for investment and development in Dallas
- *Logistics Today* named DFW the Most Logistics Friendly Metro in the U.S
- *Air Cargo World* named DFW the Top Cargo Airport in America, handling more than 740,000 metric tons annually
- There are 750,501,171 total square feet of industrial space in DFW, including 438,769,009 square feet of warehouse space
- Businesses can reach 79 regional markets overnight from the DFW area
- Five interstate highways, three Class I rail lines, two major airports, and four intermodal facilities make DFW a natural center for trade and transport.

Education and Industry Linkages

- Seven local institutions of higher education offer logistics training from the associates to the doctoral levels
- Three colleges offer workforce training certificates in logistics technology, RFID, and management
- The Center for Logistics and Research at the University of North Texas partners with local businesses to advance the practice of supply chain Management

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages Selected Logistics Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chi- cago	Los Ange- les	San Antonio	Miami
Laborers, Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	\$10.26	\$9.62	\$10.73	\$9.97	\$9.29	\$9.89
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor	\$17.87	\$15.68	\$20.47	\$18.79	\$14.32	\$15.47
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery	\$13.27	\$12.20	\$13.84	\$12.94	\$10.75	\$13.06
Team Assemblers	\$9.93	\$9.87	\$9.94	\$10.35	\$10.07	\$10.01

Leading Companies

- The United Parcel Service is Dallas' third largest employer, with over 6,300 employees
- Southwest Airlines is Dallas fourth largest employer of over 5,400 local residents
- Companies with major distribution facilities in Dallas include Costco, Home Depot, J.C. Penney, Neiman Marcus, Target, Toys-R-Us, Unilever, and Walgreens

Leading Dallas Logistics Companies

	Service	Local Employees
Stevens Transport	Trucking Company	1,045
Swift Transportation	Trucking Company	1,100
Yellow Transportation	Trucking Company	642
J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.	Trucking Company	600
PFSweb	Third-Party Logistics	500



The Media sector includes companies involved with film and video, television, music, publishing, radio, newspapers, books, magazines, electronic, advertising, and specialty publishing. Media also includes Internet content and delivery services.

Employment & Wages

- 39,420 work in media in DFW
- 3,439 media-related establishments in DFW
- Average salary is \$39,808.
- Total revenue for top 25 advertising agencies: \$1,238,050,000

Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category

- 6,050 public relations specialists
- 4,250 graphic designers
- 3,990 marketing managers

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages Selected Media Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	New York
Public Relations Specialists	\$24.89	\$25.25	\$22.35	\$27.45	\$27.71
Graphic Designers	\$19.89	\$18.98	\$20.88	\$19.85	\$24.86
Marketing managers	\$58.22	\$55.77	\$51.04	\$59.27	\$66.02
Film and Video Editors	\$21.44	\$17.50	\$26.30	\$29.42	\$27.98
Fine Artists	\$24.79	\$18.72	\$14.93	\$30.51	\$23.71
Advertising sales agents	\$20.64	\$17.99	\$20.81	\$21.03	\$26.54
Animators	\$19.97	\$24.69	\$22.46	\$34.18	\$27.88

Leading Companies

- Dallas is home to the largest independent media agency in the U.S., The Richards Group
- TM Advertising, a top national advertising firm, relocated to downtown Dallas in 2008
- Belo Corp. is one of Dallas' largest private employers of over 2,700 local residents

Dallas Advantages

- Dallas is one of the only U.S. cities with film crews, talented personnel, equipment and post-production facilities all in the same area
- Tiered incentives for film production are available at the state and local levels
- Several Dallas-based television and radio stations have won national awards for journalistic excellence
- As the nation's fifth largest market, service and support are readily available
- Dallas's central location provides easy access to other U.S., Latin American, and global markets.

Education and Industry Linkages

- DFW Community Colleges offer programs in Animation, Communications, Graphic Design, and Multimedia
- The University of North Texas hosts the Center for Spanish Language Media, one of the first comprehensive programs in the nation
- The University of Texas at Dallas offers interdisciplinary Arts and Technology degrees to support demand for media design
- The Guidehall at Southern Methodist University is the top video game graduate education program in the nation.

Leading Dallas Public Relations Agencies

Company	Service	Revenue (in millions)
Richards Group	Brand development	\$9.32
The Point Group	Media relations	\$4.20
Edelman	Consumer products	\$3.67
Sunwest Communications	Corporate communications	\$3.16
Michael Burns & Assoc	Business-to-business	\$2.73
Volimer Public Relations	Product positioning	\$2.86



Targeted Industries: Telecommunications

The Telecommunications sector provides a wide variety of electronic information, including voice, data, text, sound, and video. Dallas is one of the strongest cities in the nation for the Telecommunications industry. DFW hosts over 3,050 telecommunications firms and is a leading region for innovative development of state of the art technology.

Employment & Wages

- 42,800 employed in DFW
- The median hourly wage for workers at all levels of the industry is \$63.04
- Wireless telecommunications has a much stronger outlook for 2009 than the economy as a whole

Dallas Advantages

- Total Industry Sales in Dallas in 2007: \$8,884,468,483
- The local concentration of Telecommunications services in Dallas is 3 times greater than the national average
- Communications equipment manufacturing firms cluster in Dallas at 4 times the national average
- AT&T moved its headquarters to Dallas in 2008
- Dallas hosts headquarters and satellite offices of major telecommunications firms such as Nations Broadband, Nokia, Texas Instruments, and Verizon
- Dallas has the second highest concentration of telecommunications manufacturing workers in the nation

Leading Dallas Telecommunications Companies

Company	Major Service	Local Employees
AT&T	Telecom, wireless	16,600
Verizon	Local, long distance	14,000
Sprint Nextel	Telecom, wireless	2,150
Time Warner Cable	Digital phone, cable	1,800
XO Communications	Internet access	1,000

Education and Industry Linkages

- Richland College and Tarrant County College offer associate degree programs in Wireless Communication Technology
- The University of Texas at Dallas offers bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in Telecommunications Engineering
- The Hart eCenter at Southern Methodist University is the only university-wide center that focuses on interactive network technologies

Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category

- 10,000 Network and Computer Systems Administrators
- 6,380 Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians
- 5,460 Electrical Engineers
- 4,110 Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages Selected Telecommunications Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	Atlanta	New York
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$33.44	\$32.65	\$35.18	\$33.60	\$33.61	\$39.12
Electrical Engineering Technicians	\$26.97	\$26.57	\$26.48	\$25.84	\$25.76	\$27.49
Electrical Engineers	\$42.48	\$43.74	\$39.28	\$40.47	\$37.31	\$41.41
Telecom Line Installers	\$22.37	\$16.81	\$28.44	\$24.07	\$18.76	\$31.36



Firms in the Transportation Equipment Manufacturing sector produce vehicles and equipment for truck, automotive, and aerospace transport. DFW enjoys a high concentration of firms that chose to locate here for a lower-cost environment that still offers first-class access to services and major world markets.

Wages and Employment

- 27,540 local jobs in DFW
- Over 1,600 Transportation Manufacturing and Assembly firms in DFW
- Manufacturing workers in DFW earn an median hourly wage of \$16.37

Largest number of Jobs by Occupational Category

- 7,880 Machinists
- 4,350 Aerospace Engineers
- 4,070 Mechanical Engineers

Dallas Advantages

- Total Industry Sales in Dallas in 2007: \$7,137,392,175
- Demand for defense-related Transportation Manufacturing remains strong
- Dallas serves as a transportation hub, with 5 interstate highways, 375 aviation facilities, and three Class 1 rail lines.
- Aircraft and parts manufacturing clusters in Dallas at almost twice the national average
- Air transportation firms are concentrated in Dallas at triple the national average

Metro Area Median Hourly Wages

Selected Transportation Manufacturing Occupations

	Dallas	Houston	Chicago	Los Angeles	Detroit	San Jose
Machinists	\$14.68	\$15.30	\$16.86	\$16.59	\$19.26	\$20.24
Aerospace Engineers	\$46.23	\$46.08	\$46.12	\$47.90	\$42.40	\$48.45
Mechanical Engineers	\$40.27	\$39.85	\$33.67	\$38.67	\$38.99	\$46.74

Leading DFW Transportation Manufacturing Firms

- Trinity Industries, Inc. is one of the largest railroad transportation manufacturers in North America
- AZZ, Inc., a components producer, is one of the fastest growing companies in DFW
- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. is DFW's seventh largest employer with over 14,250 workers
- Bell Helicopter is one of DFW's largest private employers of over 6,500 workers
- Sanden International, an automotive component producer, has a substantial manufacturing facility in DFW
- Omega Environmental Technologies is one of the largest female-owned firms in the Metroplex

Education and Industry Linkages

- The University of North Texas recently established the first Engineering-Systems degree in Texas
- The Aerodynamics Research Center at the University of Texas at Arlington sponsors projects that link directly to sector growth
- Southern Methodist University's Research Center for Advanced Manufacturing develops prototypes for cluster support
- Dallas-area community colleges have programs and degrees that support sector skill training in engineering, design, and management

