



Each month, we recognize one of the region's top manufacturers with the aid of NEPIRC, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center. Since 1988, NEPIRC has been working with manufacturers to improve their productivity, profitability, competitiveness and long-term viability through consultative services.



Monroe county machining company supplying aerospace industry

As the largest exporter and contributor to the annual gross domestic product (GDP) of our nation, the aerospace industry employs more than one million people across 50 states.

Thousands of companies contribute to this industry every day, and Northeastern Pennsylvania is home to several of those companies.

Summit Aerospace USA, Inc., of Mount Pocono, Monroe County, has been supplying the commercial and defense aerospace industry for more than 30 years. It supplies the industry with a variety of precision-machined components made from super alloys that are ultimately used in jet and helicopter engines around the globe.

Summit Aerospace USA, Inc. provides customized high quality, cost effective machining solutions from prototype design to manufacturing.



Summit Aerospace utilizes 5-axis milling and turning to make its parts for the aerospace industry.

The company was founded in the mid 1970s in Long Island, N.Y. as Summit Tool Corporation by a former military pilot. That pilot frequently visited the Poconos and decided to move his company to Pocono Summit in the mid 1980s. Soon after, a senior employee purchased the company from the founder and continued machining aerospace parts for the next 30 years.

In 2012, Summit Tool Corporation was purchased by a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Plaintree Systems, Inc., a company that owns other facilities that also service the aerospace industry. It then took on its new name.

When Plaintree took ownership, Summit Aerospace USA, Inc. was operating with eight employees. Today, Summit Aerospace USA, Inc. employs 14 people and expects to be growing its workforce by another three people in the near future, according to General Manager Remo Sicoli.



Summit Aerospace USA's manufacturing facility is located in Mount Pocono

Summit Aerospace USA, Inc. is currently working with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center (NEPIRC) toward attaining its AS9100 certification. When the company achieves this designation, it will enable it to expand and serve many companies that require this certification, Sicoli said.

Sicoli said that several years ago, nearly half of Summit Aerospace USA, Inc.'s work came from contracts related to the Department of Defense (DoD). But today, that work is down to 20-30 percent. NEPIRC is working with Summit Aerospace USA, Inc. to develop a marketing plan to help

reduce their reliance on DoD contracts and diversify into new commercial markets.

"NEPIRC's assistance will enable us to grow our business client base among commercial clients both in the aerospace industry and other industries as well," Sicoli said. "NEPIRC is very knowledgeable and supportive and with its help we hope to receive our certification by the end of the year.

"We are working on fostering new relationships with our existing customers and with new customers as well. We recently brought on two new customers and are expecting to see additional growth as soon as we complete the AS9100 certification," he said.

Summit Aerospace USA, Inc. currently is operating one shift a day but is exploring adding a second shift to its production schedule. The company is also expanding its equipment and was installing new milling equipment at the time of this publication.

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