

AIAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



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Calumet Electronics produces high performance circuit boards that are used at the heart of applications that demand zero downtime and zero failures. Their customers design and manufacture critical systems for industrial controls, power grid management, life support, medical diagnostics, avionics, aerospace, and the military.

Calumet is one of the only 14 printed circuit board (PCB) manufacturers in North America to achieve Nadcap accreditation. In addition to their existing ISO 9001 and AS9100 certifications, Nadcap provides a significant pre-qualification status to attract and

retain customers in aerospace, defense and other sectors where high reliability is required. Nadcap represents an unprecedented cooperative industry effort to improve quality, while simultaneously reducing cost and improving efficiencies.

Calumet was founded in 1968 with the vision to create jobs and improve the quality of life in northern Michigan. Today as a world-leader in high-performance PCB solutions, they remain true to their unceasing campaign to enhance the work and living environments of their associates, regional friends and neighbors, as well as the global community.

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

290

Aerospace/Defense represents about 5-10% of their total production

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF YOUR COMPANY BEING IN MICHIGAN

"Our Michigan location has given us access to emerging engineering and technology talent due to our proximity to Michigan Technological University. We also benefit from the strong tradition of commitment and exemplary work ethic of the Midwest."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICHIGAN IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

"Michigan has the opportunity to be a tremendous force in the aerospace supply chain. We already have multiple Tier 2 OEMs in the state. We have the potential to attract innovation and disruptive startups, and to apply our design and safety experience in automotive to point-to-point air travel for commuting and taxi services within and between cities."

AS AN AIAM MEMBER, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING MICHIGAN AND THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?

"Michigan must further develop and expand its reputation in the industry. For many years, Calumet Electronics was known as "the best kept secret" in the PCB industry. The same is true of Michigan's aerospace and defense capabilities. We need to move beyond our status and reputation as a "vehicle" or "automotive" state and evolve into a "technology in transportation" state."