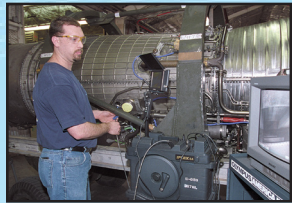


What is CADSQ?

The Center for Aerospace & Defense Supplier Quality (CADSQ) is a partnership between the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC), CareerTech's Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network (OBAN) and the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance (OMA) to provide expert guidance to Oklahoma companies selling aerospace and defense-related supplies and services to U.S. defense agencies or their prime contractors/OEMs, as well as commercial aviation enterprises. OBAN provides technical assistance in government contracting to all companies. Through CADSQ, OBAN identifies those companies specifically interested in pursuing aerospace and defense business and connects them with industry experts.



Creating More Jobs



CADSQ assists Oklahoma companies in obtaining more aerospace and defense business from the Department of Defense (DoD) which in turn translates into more

jobs for Oklahoma. The program's main objectives are to:

- ➔ Assist Oklahoma businesses in their efforts to become successful DoD aerospace suppliers.
- ➔ Increase Oklahoma's supplier base for U.S. military installations and prime contractors/OEMs.

CADSQ accomplishes this by assisting clients with their business strategies, capture efforts, proposal activities (RFP & RFQ) and program execution. It's about building new relationships within the state's aerospace and defense industry and being able to successfully screen and match company capabilities to government requirements.

Why Was CADSQ Created?



State lawmakers created CADSQ in 2006 as a result of a recommendation by the Governor's 2004 Aerospace Task Force. The task force's findings showed Oklahoma and its aerospace businesses were doing a poor job of capturing DoD and prime contractor/OEM contracts. Estimates at the time put the Tinker outsource figure at approximately \$6 billion annually. Of that amount, Oklahoma businesses were seeing roughly \$500 million annually in contracts, or about 10 percent of the total contracts awarded by DoD and its prime contractors/OEMs.

Knowledge is the Key

State and industry officials agreed that the key ingredient needed to increase Oklahoma's share of that \$5 billion pool was knowledge of the very complicated procurement systems that have afforded companies the opportunity to successfully compete for contract awards. CADSQ was created as a solution to this ongoing issue. The program achieves this by:

- ➔ Increasing contracts between Oklahoma aerospace businesses and the DoD, prime contractors and commercial aviation enterprises.
- ➔ Providing more manufacturing and repair sources for military installations and the aerospace industry.
- ➔ Creating and maintaining more high-wage, high-skill jobs.
- ➔ Reducing costs and increasing competitiveness for Oklahoma military installations and the aerospace industry.

How Does CADSQ Work?

The CADSQ program brings together OAC's industry focus on aerospace, OBAN's expertise in training and business development, OMA's technical assistance and business advice, and the market knowledge of a national consulting firm, Logistics Specialties, Inc., to deliver the highest level of assistance to Oklahoma's aerospace suppliers. CADSQ provides these basic services at no charge to Oklahoma companies.



Through the use of subject matter experts, CADSQ assists companies in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, determining their salient capabilities, and then building technically correct proposals, greatly increasing their contract award chances.

CADSQ guides companies to focus on obtainable targets, provides guidance on expansion of capabilities to enter new markets and builds partnerships that open doors to new opportunities and mentoring programs, all directed towards the aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations and processes needed to qualify/certify as a defense industrial base vendor.

CADSQ assists Oklahoma's aerospace companies in their efforts to become more effective bidders for federal and prime contracts, and engages DoD and its prime contractors to utilize Oklahoma's extensive supplier base to ensure their own success.

CADSQ is Producing Results!

576
Contract Awards
for 35
Companies

200 Companies
Assisted or
Advised

\$60.6 Million in
Contract Awards