



## OVERVIEW

Alabama is an emerging hub for the information technology industry. Access to talent, partnerships with higher education, low costs of living and doing business create a rich ecosystem for the industry. Alabama is home to numerous nationally known companies with major IT operations. Robust defense, finance/insurance and healthcare industries were the genesis of many of these companies.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Alabama offers several regions for IT talent and industry, including the metro areas of Auburn-Opelika, Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa.
- Alabama's first Internet Exchange is located in Montgomery—one of only four in the Southeast.
- Throughout Alabama are concentrations of large and small, new and well-established companies offering software development and computer system design services among other IT products and services.

Across Alabama, IT exists not only as a support system but as a major stand alone sector of the state's economy.

Employing approximately 15,000, Alabama's IT companies generate over \$1 billion in annual revenue and serve such distinct industries as banking and finance, government, education, consumer products, GIS, and utilities automation.

In 2015, Equifax located an IT talent center at Auburn University to prepare students for high-tech jobs that support a global economy.

Hoover's home to the National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI), a federally funded training center dedicated to instructing state and local officials in digital evidence and cybercrime investigations.

Rural Sourcing, an IT outsourcing company, located its third software development center in Mobile, Alabama.

Innovation Depot in Birmingham received the Incubator Innovation Award from the International Business Innovation Association. (March 2016)

Google located a \$600 million data center in Jackson County, Alabama. It is the internet company's 14<sup>th</sup> global location.





# TALENT PRODUCER— GREAT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Alabama's higher education system offers new and expanding companies access to excellent workforce training, state-of-the-art technology and innovation at the state's leading engineering, and research schools. The Alabama higher education system consists of 29 four-year colleges and universities and 24 two-year community and technical colleges.

13 Public Four-Year Institutions Offering IT Degrees

Over 6,100 Public University IT Graduates Past 5 Years

21 Public Two-Year Institutions Offering IT Degrees

Over 2,400 Community College IT Graduates Past 5 Years



Source: Alabama Commission on Higher Education  
Computer Science (CIP 11) & Management Information Sciences (CIP 52.1201)



## COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout Alabama are concentrations of large and small, new and well-established companies offering software development and computer system design services. Employment in these subsectors is projected to grow at **more than twice the national average** over the next 10 years. Robust defense, finance/insurance and healthcare industries were the genesis of many of these companies.



Founded: 1979

Headquarters: Mobile

Industry: Software and Programming

Number Employees: 1,200

CPSI is a leader in healthcare IT for rural and community hospitals. CPSI's comprehensive electronic health record (EHR) systems are utilized in more than 650 community and rural hospitals across the nation.



Founded: 1989

Headquarters: Huntsville

Industry: Modeling and Simulation

Number Employees: 350

AEGIS is an internationally recognized leader in Modeling and Simulation with a global client base in aerospace, defense, automotive, biomedical, chemical, and other process industries that use modeling and simulation, or microsystems/nanotechnology.



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**DC Blox**, a multi-tenant data center provider, has opened its flagship hub data center in Birmingham, seen as key to the city and state's growth in the technology-based economy.

The company owns and operates data centers in Atlanta, Chattanooga and Huntsville – all linked by its own fiber optic network.

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Founded: 1985

Headquarters: Birmingham

Industry: Computer integrated systems design

Number Employees: 140

McLeod Software is a transportation dispatch, accounting, operations and brokerage management software, and document management systems provider developed for the trucking industry.



Founded: 1999

Headquarters: Birmingham

Industry: Software and Programming

Number Employees: 195

Daxko is a leading provider of mission-critical software solutions to member-based nonprofits. Daxko's solutions help customers achieve high levels of operational efficiency, strong fiscal management, and increasingly engage the community to expand their mission.



Cummings Research Park

Home to the 2nd largest research park in the U.S.



Birmingham is a regional hub for innovation with the **University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)**, a leading research university ranked among the top 20 medical institutions in federal research funding.



Huntsville based Adtran Inc., a leader among U.S. suppliers of high speed internet network switching equipment, is Alabama's largest publicly traded technology company.