

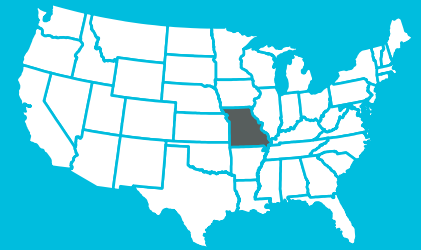


GEOSPATIAL LEADERSHIP Geospatial analysis is an emerging sectors in Missouri, with solid foundations due to the presence of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) and their thousands of employees. NGA is currently investing \$1.75 billion in their new facility in St. Louis, with plans to bring their total workforce here to more than 4,000 employees.

STARTUP INVESTMENT In 2020, Arch Grants announced a multi-year commitment to awarding Geospatial Technology companies in an effort to build a pipeline of talent and help grow the Geospatial Hub in St. Louis. In 2020, Arch Grants awarded five Geospatial Technology startups, one additional company in 2021, and three in 2022. Cultivation Capital, a prominent venture capital firm, has launched a new investment fund of more than \$50 million focused on geospatial technology.

ON THE CUTTING EDGE Missouri is also home to significant employee numbers and/or headquarters of leading edge technology companies such as Boeing's Defense, Space and Security; Block; Oracle Cerner; Express Scripts; and World Wide Technology.

A HOME FOR INNOVATION Missouri promotes research and growth and places like T-REX, an innovation and entrepreneur development facility in St. Louis. T-REX hosts the Geospatial Innovation Center, a creative workspace dedicated to connecting and growing the geospatial community. NGA opened its first unclassified innovation center inside T-REX incubator called Moonshot Labs. The Center for AgTech and Applied Location Science and Technology (CATALST) is a unique partnership between the Danforth Plant Science Center, BioSTL and T-REX to accelerate new company growth and the commercialization of new technologies.



53,000+
geospatial
employees
in St. Louis

\$5 billion
impact from the
geospatial industry
in St. Louis area



HIGHLY SKILLED Missouri is home to innovative programs that are growing the geospatial workforce:

- The new Geospatial Resource and Innovation Center has launched at T-REX in downtown St. Louis.
- The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) has engaged with St. Louis' LaunchCode to establish coding apprenticeships for talented individuals who lack the traditional IT credentials.
- Virginia-based Leidos recently partnered with St. Louis-based Gateway Global American Youth and Business Alliance Academies Inc. to support its Entry to Executive program to prepare students for entry-level positions in the geospatial industry.
- The University of Missouri in Columbia has a Geospatial Intelligence Certificate Program that has received accreditation from the US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF). The University of Missouri is one of only three academic institutions in the U.S. that have executed a formal Educational Partnership Agreement with the NGA; it is also home to the Center for Geospatial Intelligence, the first academic organization to join the USGIF, and the first to exhibit at the annual GeoINT Symposium.

INDUSTRY LEADERS Missouri is home to leaders in geospatial such as:



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