



CYBER AND INNOVATION CAMPUS AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE

Strengthening the Mississippi Gulf Coast's position as a leader in innovation and defense

Supporting the mission of the U.S. Air Force's 81st Training Wing, the Cyber and Innovation Campus comprises 15 acres of land adjacent to Keesler Air Force Base. The development is managed by Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corp. through an Enhanced Use Lease agreement with the U.S. Air Force. The campus' first building, the Mississippi Cyber and Technology Center, is currently under construction. The 105,000 square foot facility will serve as a hub for collaborations among industry, defense, academia, and government partners.

Future stages of the Cyber and Innovation campus will focus on areas critical to defense missions and economic opportunity, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning.

GROWING THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST'S DEFENSE AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

- The Mississippi Gulf Coast is home to all branches of the military – Keesler Air Force Base, Naval Construction Battalion Center, the U.S. Navy at John C. Stennis Space Center, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Air and Army National Guard locations.
- With a population of nearly 400,000 people and a strong and supportive business environment, the region excels in autonomy, shipbuilding, aerospace and defense, advanced manufacturing, energy, and petrochemical industries.
- The Cyber and Innovation Campus connects defense needs with academic and industry partners, growing innovation-based economic development in the region and positioning the Gulf Coast as a technology hub.

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MISSISSIPPI CYBER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Connecting industry, defense, and academia to secure our cyber future



MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING

- Managed by MSU Research and Technology Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Housed at Keesler Air Force Base through an Enhanced Use Lease agreement
- Serves as headquarters for the Mississippi Cyber Initiative
- Supported by funding from the Mississippi Legislature

BUILDING DETAILS

- 105,000 square feet – 3 floors @ 35,000 square feet each
- 65,000 square feet of leasable space, including secure areas
- Broke ground Aug. 2025, anticipated completion spring 2027
- Event, conference, meeting space for rent
- Dedicated space for Keesler AFB training
- Contains a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF)

ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI CYBER INITIATIVE

Led by Mississippi State University, MCI was launched in 2021 as an outgrowth of MSU projects to support Keesler's robust cyber training mission. Since launch, MCI has grown its unique partnership and delivered impactful results such as:

- Establishing a digital forensics lab supporting more than 50 law enforcement partners
- Developing a cyber ecosystem for training
- Hosting quarterly summits with partners across all sectors
- Partnering with federal agencies to host table cyber tabletop exercises

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