Colorado OEDIT Aerospace & Workforce Incentives: JGITC, Opportunity Now & Advanced Industries Grants

Pillar: Competitor States | **Basis:** Colorado OEDIT Program Documents | **Primary Source:** Colorado OEDIT / EDC | **As Of:** Verified Nov 16, 2026

Unlike Florida's coastal spaceport grants, Colorado competes as an inland aerospace hub through OEDIT's performance-based Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit (JGITC), Opportunity Now workforce tax credits, Advanced Industries Accelerator grants ($150K–$250K), and Enterprise Zone credits.

Documented Policy & Site-Selection Record

• Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit (JGITC): Administered by OEDIT and the Economic Development Commission, JGITC provides 8-year performance-based state income tax credits for net-new, above-average-wage jobs.

• Workforce & Training Credits: Colorado pairs JGITC with Opportunity Now tax credits for employer-led training centers and Enterprise Zone credits for hiring and capital investment.

• Advanced Industries Accelerator (AIA): OEDIT issues Proof-of-Concept grants (up to $150,000) and Early-Stage Capital grants (up to $250,000) for commercializing aerospace technologies.

• Inland Comparison: Colorado has no coastal orbital range either, making its workforce-credit stack the closest inland policy benchmark to Washington.

Colorado OEDIT Aerospace Program Inventory

Program	Mechanism	Documented Scale / Gate
Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit (JGITC)	State income tax credit	8-year performance period; net-new high-wage jobs
Opportunity Now Tax Credit	Workforce training credit	Supports employer-led training & hubs (e.g., Catalyst Campus)
Advanced Industries Accelerator (AIA)	Non-dilutive R&D grants	Up to $150K Proof-of-Concept; up to $250K Early-Stage
Enterprise Zone (EZ) Credits	Location-based tax credits	Job training, headcount & equipment ITC in designated zones

Founder, Staffer & Site-Selector Takeaways

• Staffer Takeaway: Colorado proves an inland state without an orbital range can still deploy structured, performance-gated aerospace workforce tax credits.

• Founder Takeaway: JGITC is an income-tax credit earned over 8 years as payroll scales—valuable at scale, less immediate than upfront cash.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

• **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• **Stoke Space WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/stoke-space-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Agile Space Industries WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/agile-space-industries-bellevue-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **K2 Space WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/k2-space-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Colorado OEDIT Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit:** https://oedit.colorado.gov/job-growth-incentive-tax-credit

• **Colorado OEDIT Advanced Industries Accelerator:** https://oedit.colorado.gov/advanced-industries-accelerator-programs

Provenance Note: Sourced from Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) program pages.