



## Regional Growth Fund case studies: no.7



### Airbus

Airbus one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers has received £1.4 million funding from the Government's Regional Growth Fund to help provide training to develop specialist engineering skills for the development of Airbus's aircraft programmes. The training which has attracted over £5 million in private sector investment will create 200 new jobs at Airbus's wing development facilities in Filton Bristol. The funding will help ensure Filton continues as a global centre of excellence in wing and landing gear design, testing and research.

### Speaking at Airbus Business Minister Michael Fallon said:

"This important project demonstrates the Regional Growth Fund in action. The money is boosting engineering skills and apprenticeships in an important and valuable industry – for the south west and UK as a whole. There is a global competition for talent, innovation and success and this will help Airbus in Bristol maintain its world-leading status."

### RGF at Work

Mark Stewart, Airbus' General Manager and Human Resources Director said the announcement of RGF funding was:

"... very welcome both for Airbus and for Filton which is a jewel in the crown of aviation engineering. It clearly underlines the importance of the Filton site and shows that along with other investments such as the £70 million Airbus Aerospace Park we are continuing to invest in both people and infrastructure to ensure we stay at the leading edge of aerospace technology and remain ahead of our competitors."