

Leonardo Helicopters Celebrates Opening of Gulf of Mexico Support Center

Broussard, LA— Today, officials from Leonardo Helicopters celebrated the grand opening of the company's Gulf of Mexico Support Center in Broussard, LA. Leonardo Helicopters is a global leader in the production of military and commercial rotorcraft with more than 100 years of operating in the aerospace industry.

"Leonardo Helicopters is opening in Broussard, Louisiana to bring regional support to our Americas-based customers," said Mike Hotze, Leonardo Helicopters Vice President of Customer Support and Training. "By localizing customer support in the Gulf of Mexico region, we will deliver the highest level of quality and service."

The company plans to have 15 employees in 2019 and increase to 30 employees by 2023.

"The team we're assembling in Broussard has decades of experience working in aviation and rotor blade repair," said Troy Penny, general manager of the facility. "We're looking forward to providing the highest quality product and service to our Leonardo customers."

The Leonardo Helicopters Gulf of Mexico Support Center is a 21,000 square foot facility that will provide blade repair, spare parts and technical support. There are over 700 Leonardo helicopters in service across the Americas whose owners and operators are poised to benefit from this opening.

"The City of Broussard is proud to be chosen by Leonardo Helicopters as the next city for this global company to plant roots," said Broussard Mayor Ray Bourque. "We are committed to being a good partner to our business community."

Leonardo Helicopters emphasizes customer satisfaction with unparalleled maintenance and training support. The company has several service centers worldwide that provide spares, repair and overhaul throughout the product lifecycle. Major manufacturing facilities are located in the U.S., Italy, Poland and the UK.

"Lafayette and Acadiana anchor an aviation industry that has served the energy, training, and emergency services sectors for decades. The establishment of Leonardo Helicopters' facility will build on the region's long-standing aviation history," said Gregg Gothreaux, Lafayette Economic Development Authority President and CEO. "Leonardo will provide quality employment opportunities for our region's experienced aviation and manufacturing workforce."

Job openings at the facility will be posted at [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) as they become available.

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