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**NextGen Aeronautics Lands in Montgomery County**

NextGen Aeronautics has decided to open a research and development operation in Montgomery County, VA in the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center ([www.vtcrc.com](http://www.vtcrc.com)). NextGen has in-depth expertise in vehicle health monitoring systems; conformal, load-bearing antenna systems; adaptive, shape changing and morphing aircraft and spacecraft structures; flight prototype/wind tunnel model design, fabrication & testing; structural design, analysis & optimization; and software tools development. NextGen was started in January 2003 by a team of highly qualified engineers, scientists, and R&D management personnel from industry and academia. Their goal is to develop revolutionary technologies and products for the next-generation of aircraft and spacecraft, with a focus on multifunctional structures and UAVs.

NextGen Aeronautics is currently based out of Torrance, CA but chose the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center for this project because of the engineering resources at Virginia Tech and opportunity to recruit highly skilled graduate engineers.

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“The Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center will make a great East Coast location for our growing company,” said Dr. Shiv Joshi, Chief Technical Officer. “The opportunity to access talent and other assets from Virginia Tech makes locating here an easy decision.”

“This was a perfect example of Virginia, Montgomery County, Virginia Tech and the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance working seamlessly together to attract a high caliber, hi-tech industry,” said Dr. Joe Meredith, President of the CRC. “We welcome NextGen Aeronautics to the community and look forward to helping them grow their business here.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Montgomery County, the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, and the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance to secure the project for Virginia.

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