

# A LONG-TERM FIGHTER AIRCRAFT MISSION FOR IDAHO



## ABOUT THE MISSION

Boise, ID is home to Gowen Field, headquarters for the Idaho Air National Guard (IDANG) and the 124th Fighter Wing. The 124th Fighter Wing operates the A-10 aircraft and employs 610 full time Guardsmen and 765 traditional Guardsmen.

The Idaho Air National Guard at Gowen Field is being considered as a potential location for the F-35. Gowen Field is one of five sites currently under consideration. Each base would receive 18-24 F-35 jets. The number of flights for the proposed mission would remain roughly the same as the existing mission. If selected, the F-35 Aircraft would arrive in Boise in 2021/2022.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Today, Gowen Field supports more than 2,800 direct, indirect and related jobs, contributing more than \$155 million back to our local Idaho economy. Moreover, Idaho stands to gain a significant number of additional civilian job opportunities with the new flying mission since many of the F-35 aircraft support systems are maintained by civilian contractors who would work on and around Gowen Field.

Additionally, Gowen Field has a long history in our community hosting military aircraft. Since its inception, nine manned air missions have been hosted in Boise, and its most recent training mission saw military action with the deployment of the A-10 to serve in combat operations in the Middle East in 2016.

## THE GOWEN IMPACT

1,300+

Direct Employment at Gowen Field

1,400+

Indirect Jobs in our Community as an Effect of Gowen

2,800

Total Local Jobs Created

\$136M

Total Labor Income

\$155M

Total Economic Output

70

Years of Local History

## GOALS

#1

Elevate understanding of the Idaho Air National Guard's important role in our state and communities

#2

Build support with community leaders, citizens, business owners, neighborhoods and associations

#3

Keep Idaho's Citizen Airmen living and working in Idaho by securing a long-term manned aircraft mission at Gowen Field

## HOW YOU CAN HELP



MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THOSE INVOLVED IN THE F-35 EFFORT AND THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM LEARNING MORE



SHARE YOUR SUPPORT ON SOCIAL OR ON YOUR WEBSITE **#GOWENSTRONG**



SHARE YOUR STORIES OR TESTIMONIALS OF SUPPORT WITH US



WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, SENATOR OR OUR STATE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



Gowen Field is the only western Air National Guard base under consideration for the F-35 mission. Out of five, two air bases will be selected for the mission.

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