The General Electric (GE) Aviation Engine Testing, Research and Development Centre is a 122,500 square-foot facility located at the James A. Richardson International Airport in Winnipeg, Manitoba, that will specialize in icing certification testing on GE’s jet engines as well as develop advanced testing methodologies and equipment for commercial and military jet engines.

The facility is a partnership between StandardAero and GE. Under the agreement, StandardAero maintains and operates the certification testing center.

The $50 million facility was designed to accommodate engines up to 150 inches in diameter and up to 150,000 lbs. of thrust, as well as capabilities to accommodate high performance military engines.

The center will initially employ 10 StandardAero employees, with the potential to grow to 50 employees over the next five years. The investment in the GE Aviation Engine Testing, Research and Development Centre supports GE’s Industrial Regional Benefits program in Canada.

The facility utilizes a state-of-the-art noise reduction system with 50-foot high noise attenuation walls, 16-foot diameter augmentor tube and 51-foot high exhaust stack. In addition, the facility incorporates a translating wind tunnel to enable future expansion of the facility for year-round testing in other areas, such as performance and endurance testing, bird ingestion, ice crystal and mixed phase testing.