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The effort to bring high paying defense industry jobs to Northwest Florida has not stalled... Despite the uncertain future of the Air Force Tanker project that would be built in Mobile.

What's being done to keep world business leaders interested in bring new jobs here.

When it comes to local job growth... There's one central opinion a lot of folks have...

Susan Nelms/Workforce Escarosa said, "We need something to boost our economy here other than tourism, as we've seen over the last two months or so. We need to diversify a little more."

And that's exactly what some local leaders are doing in London this week.
Members of Team Santa Rosa and The Pensacola Chamber of Commerce are attending the Farnborough Air Show.

Cindy Anderson with Team Santa Rosa is keeping in close contact with Shannon Ogletree... and early on, the market is looking good.

Cindy Anderson/Team Santa Rosa said, "What Shannon Ogletree is seeing there on the ground is a lot of activity with purchases, large contracts, a lot of money moving around in the aerospace industry and we need to be there to be a part of it."

Cindy Anderson said, "I think this puts a burden on us to do even better to provide new jobs for people who may be dislocated out of a job."

Susan Nelms said, "They really need to research what occupations go with the industries and then start looking at the training associated with it to see what they can find that's out there to do it."