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## **GREATER OSHKOSH EDC RECEIVES CONTRACT TO FURTHER I-41 AVIATION CLUSTER**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation (Greater Oshkosh) has contracted with the City of Oshkosh as a sub-recipient to continue work on the Department of Defense Aviation Cluster Study – Phase II for the Interstate 41 corridor. In 2015, Greater Oshkosh assumed the leadership position for completing Phase I of the Department of Defense Aviation Cluster Study, after a previous contractor was released, and successfully met project deliverables by evaluating the area’s supply chain, workforce gaps and overall business environment.

Under Phase II of the contract, Greater Oshkosh will undertake efforts to implement business plans for two niche aerospace clusters – MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) and Additive Manufacturing, while also providing more opportunities for manufacturers and suppliers to interact, share knowledge, and attract talent.

“Greater Oshkosh EDC appreciates the confidence that our partners have in our team to ‘move the needle’ on building an aerospace cluster along the I-41 corridor,” said Jason White, CEO of Greater Oshkosh EDC. “We will have some heavy lifting ahead of us over the next 18 months, but fortunately the groundwork was laid with regional employers and stakeholders in round one. We look forward to re-establishing these connections and incorporating new alliances.”

Other participating organizations include the City of Oshkosh; University of Wisconsin Oshkosh accelerator programs’ AeroInnovate, InventureXcel and Growth Management Academy; Angels on the Water; Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation; Fox Valley Technical College; East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; New North; Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; Northeast Wisconsin Regional Economic Partnership; and others.

*Greater Oshkosh EDC provides leadership, direction, coordination and services to advance economic development in the greater Oshkosh, Wisconsin region.*

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