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July 27, 2016: The Aviation Business Park at Wittman Regional Airport is open for business. The multi-year project, developed by Winnebago County and the City of Oshkosh, aims to bring a variety of aviation businesses to Oshkosh and the surrounding region.

“The Oshkosh Aviation Business Park is the culmination of over ten years of effort to establish an area on Wittman Regional Airport that will be attractive to aviation startups or those looking to expand their business,” said Peter Moll, Airport Director.

Over a ten-year period, the development of the park is projected to spur over \$73 million dollars annually in additional economic activity in Winnebago County and supply 250-500 more jobs to the area.

The property is subdivided into two halves; the western portion belonging to the county will be leased and have taxiway accessibility. The eastern half is owned by the city and those will be available for purchase.

“Thanks to the brand of EAA and AirVenture, Oshkosh is known around the world. We are the home for general aviation,” said Jason White, CEO of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation. “That is a solid brand to build upon and show the aviation community that Oshkosh is an aviation town year round, not just one week of the year.”

In the state of Wisconsin, there are over 140 Boeing suppliers, more than 200 Wisconsin companies that have ties to the state’s aerospace sector, and more than 24,000 people are employed by companies that support the aerospace manufacturing sector. Additionally, Wisconsin has the second highest manufacturing concentration in the United States, furthered enticed by a manufacturing tax rate of 0.4 percent.

Additional incentives for businesses also exist in Oshkosh. Two financial programs, the Greater Oshkosh Revolving Loan Fund and Capital Catalyst program, are in place to assist in funding companies at all stages of development.

Along with the community, business, educational, and workforce support; and, as of this month, roads, infrastructure, and utilities are complete and the lots are ready to be developed on. For those interested in learning more about the Aviation Business Park, they should contact Audra Hoy at audra.hoy@greateroshkosh.com or (920) 230-3321.

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