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## **WILMINGTON AIR PARK CERTIFIED PART 139 BY FAA**

WILMINGTON, OH – MAY 12, 2017 – The Wilmington Air Park has once again earned its Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 139 Certification, recognizing that the airport facilities, staffing, operations and infrastructure are on par with other large airports around the country.

Airport operating certificates serve to ensure safety in airport transportation. An airport, in order to secure this certification from the FAA, must implement and maintain certain operation and safety standards and provide for such things as on-site firefighting, and rescue equipment.

“This certification is important to maintain for both our current and future aviation tenants,” said Dan Evers, Executive Director of the Clinton County Port Authority. “It confirms a high level of readiness for airlines that would be considering operations at the Wilmington Air Park.”

The FAA visits each airport prior to renewing certification to review operations, navigational aids, infrastructure, airport records, safety practices and more. FAA representatives spent over two days at the Wilmington Air Park in October, 2016. At that time, the inspector indicated it was a good inspection and that he enjoyed working with the group of people on the airport.

“We had a short list of follow-up items, as a result of the inspection,” said Evers. “Those items were addressed immediately and that information provided to the FAA.”

The Wilmington Air Park is classified as a Part 139 Class IV, Index A airport. There are 80 Class IV airports in the country – with that determination being based on airport use, and expected aircraft size and traffic volume. Index A indicates the level of firefighting personnel and equipment on site.

Once the items are all addressed, the FAA issues the Certificate.

“Our FAA Part 139 certification indicates that the Wilmington Air Park has passed the same rigorous review and standards as large commercial airports around the country,” said Evers. “We are proud to receive continued affirmation of the level of service and professionalism maintained at the Wilmington Air Park. This is a testament to a dedicated team of professionals at LGSTX Services, Inc who continue to keep the airport in a constant state of readiness and to keep the records for these inspections, on behalf of the Clinton County Port Authority. It is a herculean task, and touches virtually every corner of the airport. The commitment to maintain these standards also speaks to the vision and support of the CCPA Board of Directors.”

### **About the Clinton County Port Authority**

The Port Authority is a special purpose government, under Ohio law, formed by the Clinton County Commissioners in 2004 to lead economic development in Clinton County, Ohio. A primary function of the Clinton County Port Authority is the creation and retention of jobs in Wilmington and Clinton County. The Port

Authority also owns and manages the Wilmington Air Park, a 1,900-acre facility with two parallel, commercial runways and nearly 3 million square feet of building space. The Port Authority works with regulatory agencies, development agencies and the community to bring economic growth to the county. Learn more at [www.wilmingtonairpark.com](http://www.wilmingtonairpark.com).