

SITE SELECTION NAMES WILMINGTON OHIO IN TOP TEN U.S. MICROPOLITANS

Site Selection Magazine recently announced the awards given to this year's Top Metropolitan and Micropolitans in the U.S. In the magazine's ranking of Top Micropolitans — cities of 10,000 to 50,000 people—Wilmington, Ohio was named number ten on the Micropolitan List. The rankings include data on new and expanding facilities. *Site Selection* collected data from local, regional and state officials and surveyed over 575 micropolitan communities.

The Wilmington Air Park is located in the heart of Wilmington and is both a major asset and employer within the community. The area boasts three key attributes— location, labor and logistics. Being located near

three major metropolitan areas (Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton), a wealth of well-trained workers and an exceptional interstate system, makes Wilmington an attractive place to do business. Tenants within the Air Park have benefited from being located in this desirable region.

The State of Ohio fared well in the Governor's Cup standing. The State was number two in the overall state standings with 480 projects qualifying for ranking. Ohio has placed either number one or number two in the Governor's Cup since 2005. "The Wilmington Air Park staff continually works with the State of Ohio, Dayton Development Coalition, City of Wilmington and



Clinton County to make sure the region is attracting potential businesses to the area. This is evidence that the economic development effort throughout our region continues to take top priority amongst its public and private leaders," said Kevin Carver, Executive Director.

CLINTON COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY ASSISTS BUSINESSES WITH REVOLVING LOAN FUND



Recently, in a joint effort of the Ohio Development Services Agency and the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Clinton County Port Authority and Clinton County were issued \$1.333 million to establish a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Loans are available in amounts up to \$250,000 and can be used for equipment, real estate and capital purchases. Many times banks cannot provide 100%

financing. The RLF can serve as gap financing— providing the difference in financing that cannot be provided by a traditional lending institution. The RLF is available to both new and existing businesses in Clinton County.

The RLF is an incentive to retain and attract businesses to the Wilmington Air Park.

For more information about the Loan Fund contact Martin Mason at 937-728-0699 or mmason@ccportauthority.com.

TENANT PROFILE

COMPONENT REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (CRO) AT AIRBORNE MAINTENANCE & ENGINEERING SERVICES (AMES)

One of AMES' five product lines is a Component Repair and Overhaul (CRO) facility. This FAA/EASA 145 repair station has a diverse mission. Occupying nearly 100,000 sq-ft, the CRO repair shops include— avionics, electrical, engine, machine, mechanical, wheels, brakes, sheet metal, welding, and manufacturing. CRO is AS9100/ISO9001 certified and repairs and overhauls components as well as manufactures parts that are no longer available from original equipment manufacturers (OEM).

Typically, airlines attempt to optimize their inventory of spare parts by using CRO providers which can offer a quick turnaround and competitive pricing for component repairs and parts manufacturing.

AMES CRO is staffed by 55 highly skilled technicians—many with over 20 years of experience. The AMES Repair Station specializes in overhaul and repair, fabrication, and remanufacture of sheet metal and composite components for various Boeing airframes including flight controls, doors, panels, cowls, and fairings.

A new AMES maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) hangar will open in mid-2014. The 105,000 sq. ft. hangar will increase the company's lines of maintenance from 4 lines to 8 lines. The hangar will house aircraft as large as a 747-400 or 777-300ER.



In addition to outside customers, the company provides component repair and overhaul services to its sister companies including Air Transport International (ATI) and ABX Air.

AMES became an independent subsidiary in 2009, but has a 33-year legacy at the Wilmington Air Park, first as part of Airborne Express and later under ABX Air. Since opening in 2009, AMES has doubled its employment from 300 to 600, and is currently hiring additional positions in preparation for the new hangar opening.

As the anchor tenant at the Wilmington Air Park, AMES has seen steady growth. "It's important to have a tenant/landlord relationship we trust," said Brad Heath, Director of Component Repair Overhaul and Manufacturing. "We've worked closely with the Air Park to ensure our employees have the best work environment possible," noted Mr. Heath.

WILMINGTON AIR PARK RECEIVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Wilmington Air Park stood out in 2013 by receiving three Economic Development awards from organizations across the United States.



Wilmington Air Park received a Gold Excellence Award in Economic Development from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) for their newspaper and electronic

marketing campaigns. The IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognizes the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders.

At the Ohio Economic Development Association's (OEDA) Annual Summit, Wilmington Air Park received an Excellence Award for the rebranding and marketing efforts. The OEDA honors organizations for their efforts in creating a positive change in communities throughout Ohio

And, a first place Economic Development Award was earned in the Community Promotion and Marketing Program category from the Mid-America Economic

THE WILMINGTON AIR PARK

The Wilmington Air Park is an integrated Aviation and Logistics Business Park located on 1,900 acres in central Ohio. The Air Park features nearly 3 million square feet of industrial, office and hangar space and is strategically located between Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio. With convenient access to interstates and located within 60 miles of 3 international airports, the Wilmington Air Park is ideally situated to a diverse transportation system and global markets.

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For further information on the Wilmington Air Park, please visit our website at wilmingtonairpark.com.

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Development Council (MAEDC). The MAEDC sponsors the Economic Development Award competition to recognize the creative use of quality marketing by economic development organizations throughout a ten-state Mid-America region.