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OHIO CELEBRATES AEROSPACE COMMUNITY: AERO DAY MARCH 10, 2011

One of Ohio's largest industries comes together to build awareness of assets across the state and support key initiatives for growth

Columbus, OH – Ohio aerospace companies will have an opportunity to meet with a cross-section of Ohio's Aerospace and Business Aviation leaders at "Ohio Aerospace Day" in Columbus on March 10, 2011. Many industry leaders will participate in the day including the state's two largest federal installations: NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base/Air Force Research Laboratory in Dayton, which will both send representatives to give remarks to legislatures.

"Aerospace is a key growth sector for the State of Ohio, and today is dedicated to this important industry," said Mark D. Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Our state has a rich history in aerospace and a bright future that will continue to provide good jobs for Ohioans."

Charles Dutch, Director of the Boeing Company facility in Heath, Ohio and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Ohio Aerospace and Business Aviation Council will present key initiatives recently defined by the Council. Networking and speaker sessions are scheduled throughout the afternoon featuring guest speaker John Douglass, AIA President and Chief Executive Officer Emeritus.

In addition to platinum sponsor Parker Aerospace, many of Ohio's most well-known Aerospace companies are supporting the day including:

- Parker Aerospace
- Boeing Company
- GE Aviation
- Airborne Maintenance and Engineering
- Services
- Airbus Americas
- Alcoa
- Belcan Corporation
- Materion Brush Beryllium & Composites
- Goodrich Corporation
- Regional Growth partnership/Toledo
- Luca County Port Authority
- Risk International
- Timken
- University of Dayton Research Institute (URDI)

The planning committee for the event includes a regional collaboration including representatives from Cincinnati USA Partnership, Columbus 2020!, Dayton Development Coalition, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Ohio Aerospace Institute, Ohio Department of Development, TechSolve, and the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber.

"We are looking forward to an exciting event," said Don Majcher of the Ohio Aerospace Institute and 2011 event chair. "We have had strong support from the industry in sponsoring the event and think it is important to showcase Ohio's strength in Aerospace in order to expand Ohio's role as a leading aerospace state."

For more information or to attend the event visit: www.OhioAerospaceDay.com