

Continuing the Legacy

Since 2005, the State of Oklahoma has created various programs and incentives designed to enhance the competitiveness of aviation and aerospace companies doing business in Oklahoma. Those incentives have helped guarantee that the state's rich aviation legacy will continue full throttle well into the 21st century. Below are brief summaries of some of those incentives:

- **Aviation Sales Tax Exemption**
Exempts all Oklahoma aerospace companies from collecting the sales taxes on the sales of aircraft engine repairs, modification and replacement parts, aircraft frame repairs and modification, aircraft interior modification, and paint and sales of services employed in such repairs, modifications and painting.
- **Aerospace Industry Engineer Workforce Tax Credits**
Provides engineers who are hired by Oklahoma aerospace companies with a state income tax credit of up to \$5,000 per year for five years. The hiring company also may be eligible to receive various tax credits.
- **Center for Aerospace & Defense Supplier Quality**
Works with small to medium-sized Oklahoma companies to help them with contracting opportunities with the Department of Defense and prime contractors such as Boeing, Northrop Grumman and Pratt & Whitney, as well as commercial aviation enterprises. CADSQ provides those services at no charge.



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The Importance of General Aviation Airports to the State of Oklahoma

Airports Mean ACCESS!

- Today, business comes calling in an aircraft, not a bus!
- No other mode of transportation can get you to your destination faster than general aviation; commercial aviation is a distant second. Business travelers want to fly directly to their ultimate destinations, not to a commercial airport and then drive for several hours.
- There are nearly 20,000 airports and heliports in the U.S., only 540 of which are served by commercial airlines. General aviation passengers have access to more than 5,300 public-use community airports.
- Oklahoma boasts 137 public-use general aviation airports, 46 of which are regional business airports*.
*Although they are not general aviation airports because they have scheduled airline service, Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport, Tulsa International Airport and Lawton-Ft. Sill Regional Airport are also considered regional business airports. Including the three commercial service airports, Oklahoma has a total of 49 regional business airports.
- General aviation transports more than 166 million passengers annually, making it the nation's largest "airline."

Airports Mean BUSINESS!

- When major businesses were asked to rank the top reasons why they choose to locate where they do, convenient access to a commercial service airport and access to a general aviation airport with a jet-capable runway were among the top location factors identified.
- Forty-three (43) of Oklahoma's regional business airports have jet capable runways (5,000 feet or longer).
- About 93 percent of Oklahoma's population lives within 25 miles of an airport with a jet-capable runway.

Airports Mean DEVELOPMENT!

- General aviation airports attract new businesses and jobs. They allow local businesses to reach out to new markets, work with suppliers from neighboring states, or deliver time-critical parts and materials to their customers in need. Local area businesses gain competitive advantages when they use the nearby airport, while the surrounding community gains jobs.
- For every dollar spent on airport improvements, \$6.70 is generated in off-airport economic gains for the surrounding community.
- According to a recent survey by the Alliance for Aviation Across America, general aviation contributes more than \$150 billion annually to the U.S. economy, including \$1.2 billion in Oklahoma, and employs 1.3 million people nationwide.

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