#### THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

# Cross City Airport (CTY)

### Aviation's Benefit for Florida

Florida's economic well-being is intrinsically entwined with its vibrant airport system and its robust aviation industry. The aviation system in Florida allows the state to capitalize on an increasingly global marketplace. Aviation in Florida both sustains and leads economic growth and development. Airports in Florida are important economic engines, and support vital health, welfare, emergency, and safety-related services.

Florida's system of commercial service and general aviation airports are important to businesses throughout the state. Air travel is essential to tourism, Florida's number one industry. Protecting and investing in airports throughout Florida will support the aviation industry and the economic benefits described in this report. With continued support, Florida's dynamic aviation system will continue to provide a significant economic return in the years to come.

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## Florida's Statewide Benefits from Aviation

Florida realizes significant annual economic benefits from aviation. The Florida Department of Transportation completed a comprehensive economic impact analysis to measure these benefits. Benefits measured in the FDOT study considered direct and indirect economic impacts and induced impacts that result from the multiplier effect. A summary of Florida's annual economic benefits from aviation follows:

Impact Category			<b>\$</b> \$	
AIRPORTS		Total Employment	Total Payroll (BILLIONS)	Total Output (BILLIONS)
VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR	N	170,107	\$8.1	\$36.3
CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS	Ν	765,225	\$20.7	\$67.2
MILITARY AVIATION		17,388	\$0.6	\$2.2
AIR CARGO	Ν	137,482	\$6.4	\$12.8
AVIATION EDUCATION	N	129,587	\$5.0	\$10.3
AVIATION BUSINESSES		11,891	\$0.5	\$1.0
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION	$\mathbf{N}$	76,217	\$2.8	\$13.6
TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS		4,534	\$0.4	\$0.6
		1,312,431	\$44.5	\$144.0

# **Cross City Airport**

Located in Dixie County, approximately 60 miles west of Gainesville, Cross City Airport serves a variety of general aviation activities. With its two intersecting runways, the longest of which is 5,005 feet, the airport can accommodate most general aviation business jet aircraft. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

Cross City Airport's largest tenant is the corporate flight department for Anderson Columbia. The airport's other tenants provide fixed base operator and aerial application services. Cross City Airport presently supports flight training, sport/ recreational flying, and transient operations. All of the airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Cross City Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from tenants/businesses located at the airport and construction projects that are undertaken by the airport or by on-site businesses. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft.

