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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 |
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| impact Category | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| AIRPORTS | | Total Employment | Total Payroll (BILLIONS) | Total Output (BILLIONS) |
| VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR | N | 170,107 | \$8.1 | \$36.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS | | 765,225 | \$20.7 | \$67.2 |
| MILITARY AVIATION | N | 17,388 | \$0.6 | \$2.2 |
| AIR CARGO | | 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 | I | 76,217 | \$2.8 | \$13.6 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS | | 4,534 | \$0.4 | \$0.6 |
| | 1 | 1,312,431 | \$44.5 | \$144.0 |

Williston Municipal Airport

Located in Levy County in northern Florida along the Gulf Coast, approximately 20 miles southwest of Gainesville, Williston Municipal Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local community. With its two runways, the longest of which is 6,668 feet, the airport can accommodate most general aviation business jet aircraft. The airport's terminal building is ideal for accommodating both local users and those visiting the area.

Williston Municipal Airport's tenants include Fisher Aviation, an aircraft maintenance business; Sky Chiefs Aviation, a flight school; and Team Tango, a home-built experimental aircraft manufacturer. The City of Williston, which manages the airport, provides fixed base operator services. Flight training represents a large component of the airport's activity, followed by sport/recreational and corporate/business activity. 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 Williston Municipal 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.

