

SEN. BROWN, AIRBUS AMERICAS CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND SECOND SUPPLIER SUMMIT AIMED AT GROWING OHIO'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

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Cincinnati, OH - Ohio aerospace companies will have an opportunity to meet with leaders from Airbus Americas and Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers, including GE Aviation, at Ohio's second Airbus Supplier Summit.

Existing small and mid-sized suppliers, as well as those interested in joining the aerospace supply chain, will have an opportunity to learn about the requirements and current needs of the industry and meet one-on-one with procurement managers.

The summit will be held at the National Composite Center in Kettering on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Airbus Americas' Chairman Allan McArtor will attend the conference, which is aimed at fostering growth in the Ohio aerospace industry.

With an estimated \$4 billion in direct Airbus procurement in 2008, Ohio ranks first in Airbus spending in the United States and fifth in the number of Airbus suppliers. These figures do not include indirect subcontracts awarded to Ohio aerospace companies from direct Airbus suppliers. In October 2009, Brown and McArtor announced the formalization of a partnership between Airbus and Ohio suppliers aimed at growing Ohio's aerospace industry.

In December 2009, Ohio's first Airbus Supplier Summit was held in Cleveland at the Ohio Aerospace Institute. The conference in Cleveland was the first of its kind in Ohio and drew attendees from all over the state. Ken Applebaum, Director of COTSWORKS, a manufacturer of rugged fiber optic components for the aerospace industry located in northern Ohio, stated, "COTSWORKS was able to connect with supply chain and senior management at Airbus, giving us access to decision makers we wouldn't otherwise had. Focusing on aviation and workforce development is what the Ohio Aerospace Institute and Techsolve do well and this is helping us create more jobs here in Ohio." Even though the first event was held in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton-area manufacturers such as General Tool, GKN Aerospace, Millat Industries, Gem City Engineering, and Barnes Aerospace all attended the expo. Attendees from across the state are expected to attend this event as well.

The summit, which will be held at the National Composite Center, will begin at 10:30 a.m., with doors opening at 9:00 a.m. Please visit www.techsolve.org/events to register.

Note to editors:

Specifics on the Ohio Edison Technology Centers Supporting Aerospace

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In 1984, the Thomas Edison Program was created to improve the competitiveness of Ohio manufacturers. The Ohio Edison Technology Centers are a public-private partnership to facilitate innovation and commercialization services to both established and emerging technology-based businesses. During 2007-2009, this program created/retained 5,978 jobs in Ohio and 159 new businesses. For all companies assisted by the Edison Centers in 2007-2009, these companies collectively realized more than \$1 billion in private investments, \$171 million in cost savings, and over \$1.1 billion in sales increases.

TechSolve, based in Cincinnati, is unique in offering an on-site, multi-million-dollar machining lab for real-world assessment and modeling. TechSolve experts use this lab to support the aerospace industry with enhanced machining services that increase productivity through optimization of machining parameters and reductions in part costs.

Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) in Dayton provides technical coordination, business assistance, and commercialization to strengthen Ohio's aerospace competitiveness in advanced energy, metals and castings, nanomaterials, polymers, composites, biomaterials, and other advanced materials.

The Edison Welding Institute (EWI) meets the materials joining and engineering needs of aerospace manufacturers by providing current technology related to all types of welding processes.

The Manufacturing Advocacy Growth Network (MAGNET) helps aerospace suppliers in Northeast Ohio become more competitive through its product design and development services.

PolymerOhio helps the aerospace industry with the utilization of polymers, advanced materials, and bioproducts in the manufacture of parts in the aerospace industry.

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