

GE AVIATION TO CREATE \$51M R&D CENTER IN DAYTON

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GE Aviation Systems plans to create a \$51 million research and development center in the Dayton area.

State officials said Wednesday that GE has committed to partnering with the University of Dayton Research Institute on a new Electrical Power Integrated Systems Research and Development Center. The company said it will announce the center's location by the end of the year.

Operations are expected to begin in 2012.

"The close proximity to the University of Dayton Research Institute, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and its Air Force Research Labs was a big part of GE's decision to come to Dayton," said Vic Bonneau, president of Electric Power for GE Aviation Systems, in a statement "This center will be used to design products that will deliver electrical power efficiently for our military and commercial customers."

Ohio's Third Frontier Commission awarded a \$7.6 million grant to lure the project.

GE Aviation currently has more than 1,000 employees at facilities in the Dayton area. Company officials expect the venture to create 10 to 15 jobs in the first year, with the potential of an additional 100 to 200 jobs depending on future contracts for development of advanced electrical power systems for next generation military and civilian aircraft.

The advanced electrical power systems will serve as an integrated power source to an aircraft's engine starting, communications, lighting, air conditioning, braking, landing gear, and flight control systems. GE Aviation Systems will engineer, design, and manufacture the systems and UDRI will assist with modeling, simulation, analysis, and validation of new electrical power systems in partnership.

GE Aviation, based in Cincinnati, designs and manufactures jet engines for commercial and military use. It is a unit of General Electric Co. (NYSE: GE), headquartered in Fairfield, Conn.

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