

STRICKLAND, BROWN TO ATTEND AEROSPACE GROWTH SUMMIT IN KETTERING

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KETTERING - Gov. Ted Strickland and Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Oh, will be attending a supplier summit aimed at growing Ohio's aerospace industry today, April 6 at the National Composite Center.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. at 2000 Composite Drive, but doors to the conference opened at 9 a.m. The summit is also designed to help grow the state's partnership with Airbus.

Brown's office submitted a media release that stated, "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.

Besides Strickland and Brown, summit attendees will also be able to meet leaders from Airbus Americas, including Chairman Allan McArtor, and leaders from TechSolve, Ohio Aerospace Institute, the Ohio Edison Technology Centers and GE Aviation.

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