

Airport Advisory Meeting Talking Points

- We have plans underway to develop the 50-acre corporate airpark site to the east of the terminal just north of Case Road. This airpark is a critical component to achieve our goal to develop this facility into the premiere air transportation and aerospace campus to serve as a teaching and research facility for our students, faculty and staff, and also the central Ohio area.
- I'm pleased to announce that we are finalizing plans to have Worthington Industries become our first anchor tenant on the site. They will move from their current hangar which they've occupied since 1980. Worthington Industries will build a new hangar in the corporate airpark. This will be a land lease with Worthington Industries investing in the hangar infrastructure and the University investing in the surrounding infrastructure. The goal is to have Worthington Industries move in the 2nd half of CY2019.
- We have also been approached by other companies who are very interested in establishing a presence here. We expect quite a bit of progress to be made in CY2019 now that we have one partnership under our belt.
- We look at these opportunities as partnerships to not only have corporate hangars but to develop partnerships to expand internships and career opportunities for our students and to grow opportunities in aviation and aerospace research. The companies we've talked to are all enthusiastic about the unique opportunities we have here in academics and research.
- This work is the result of a true team effort including representatives from the University Airport, the College of Engineering leadership team, University Planning and Real Estate, and University Corporate Engagement, and ultimately the support of University leadership and the University Board of Trustees. I particularly would like to thank the representatives from Worthington Industry. These agreements take time, and I appreciate their willingness to work with us.