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Salina, Kansas Recruits Aviation Service Firms

Las Vegas, NV – The Salina, KS community has developed an incentive package to attract aircraft service businesses to the Salina Airport Authority’s SLN Aviation Service Center.

The SLN Aviation Service Center is located at the Salina Municipal Airport. Center firms take advantage of a supportive local business climate and an excellent airport infrastructure. The owner/developer of the SLN Aviation Center, The Salina Airport Authority, has available large bay hangar facilities and sites for new construction.

“A number of other communities across the country are active in recruiting aircraft operations, focusing on manufacturers, but the Salina community has elected to target our efforts on the service sector which offers more stable growth,” according to Gerald Cook, president of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cook made his remarks at the National Business Aviation Association Annual Meeting and Convention in Las Vegas where he is promoting Salina to businesses that offer aircraft maintenance and refurbishment services. Cook said that Salina’s aviation incentive package includes:

- Aviation-qualified work force
- Sales tax exemptions for aircraft mod/maintenance parts and labor
- On-site A&P training operation
- On-site pilot training operation
- Customized training
- Employee screening and assessment
- Equipment sales tax exemptions
- Highly rated FBOs
- \$500,000 for job training

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- Inventory tax credits
- Job tax credits
- Modern hangars for corporate, air carrier and military aircraft
- One-stop expedited building permit service
- Property tax abatements

The Salina Area Chamber of Commerce and the Salina Airport Authority are leading the community's efforts to recruit aviation service businesses. The community has worked to improve Kansas laws with regard to the business climate for maintenance, repair and overhaul businesses and recently passed a community-wide sales tax to fund economic development initiatives.

The SLN Aviation Service Center is already home to a growing array of aviation companies, including America Jet at SLN, Aerospace Systems & Technologies, Inc., EagleMed air ambulance, Kansas Wing Headquarters – Civil Air Patrol, Flower Aviation, Kansas Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility, Kansas State University Salina College of Technology and Aviation, Kansas Highway Patrol Aviation, Professional Flight Training, LC, Raytheon Aircraft Company – Salina Division, Salina Aircraft Services and the corporate flight departments for ADM Milling Company, Blue Beacon International, Geoprobe Systems, Plains Environmental, Premier Pneumatics, Inc., and Bradley Trucking Co .

The SLN Aviation Service Center has available hangar space and room for growth to accommodate a wide array of aviation related industries. The SLN Air Traffic Control Tower logs over 85,000 annual aircraft operations. Two FBOs annually deliver over 4.4 million gallons of aviation fuel to the aircraft using the Salina Municipal Airport. For more information regarding expansion opportunities at "The SLN Aviation Service Center," contact us at 785.827.3914 or visit the available properties link at <http://www.salinaairport.com> today!