



CENTRAL OHIO
**AEROSPACE &
TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

FACT SHEET

⊙ The Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority took ownership of the former Newark AFB in October 1996, becoming the first Privatization in Place in Air Force history. The facility was renamed the Central Ohio Aerospace & Technology Center and celebrated a 10-year celebration in 2006.

⊙ The Port Authority has a three-fold management, development, and leadership role. It is property manager of the former base, land bank to spark development and expand the Aerospace Center, and economic development leader aiding the growth of Licking County and our region.

⊙ The Aerospace Center brags the presence of *Fortune 500* companies, high tech companies, and small businesses. It's concentration and impact make it among the top five largest concentrations of the aerospace and defense industry in Ohio. The Center is home to Boeing, Bionetics, AFMETCAL, Goodrich, and others doing what the Air Force once did, and more.

⊙ Combined, the public and private partners at the Center employ over 900 with a payroll over \$57 million. The annual economic impact is estimated at more than \$200 million.

⊙ In 2008, Boeing-Heath's Virtual Manufacturing Center became a reality. It's hoped the facility will become a high tech mecca for thousands of Boeing suppliers in the Midwest. This new high tech capability puts the Aerospace Center on the map in an unprecedented way.

⊙ The Port Authority completed its third major roadway and public infrastructure improvement project in 2009 that made the 350-acre campus truly "shovel ready" for advanced materials, food production, and other high-tech manufacturing project.