Pierson Municipal Airport (2J8)

Aviation's Benefit for Florida

Florida's economic well-being is intrinsically entwined with its vibrant airport system and its robust aviation industry. The aviation system in Florida allows the state to capitalize on an increasingly global marketplace. Aviation in Florida both sustains and leads economic growth and development. Airports in Florida are important economic engines, and support vital health, welfare, emergency, and safety-related services.

Florida's system of commercial service and general aviation airports are important to businesses throughout the state. Air travel is essential to tourism, Florida's number one industry. Protecting and investing in airports throughout Florida will support the aviation industry and the economic benefits described in this report. With continued support, Florida's dynamic aviation system will continue to provide a significant economic return in the years to come.

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Florida's Statewide Benefits from Aviation

Florida realizes significant annual economic benefits from aviation. The Florida Department of Transportation completed a comprehensive economic impact analysis to measure these benefits. Benefits measured in the FDOT study considered direct and indirect economic impacts and induced impacts that result from the multiplier effect. A summary of Florida's annual economic benefits from aviation follows:

Impact Category

AIRPORTS		Total Employment	Total Payroll (BILLIONS)	Total Output (BILLIONS)
VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR	1	170,107	\$8.1	\$36.3
CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS		765,225	\$20.7	\$67.2
MILITARY AVIATION		17,388	\$0.6	\$2.2
AIR CARGO		137,482	\$6.4	\$12.8
AVIATION EDUCATION		129,587	\$5.0	\$10.3
AVIATION BUSINESSES		11,891	\$0.5	\$1.0
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION		76,217	\$2.8	\$13.6
TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS		4,534	\$0.4	\$0.6
· ·	1	1,312,431	\$44.5	\$144.0

Pierson Municipal Airport

Located in northwestern Volusia County, approximately 35 miles west of Daytona Beach, Pierson Municipal Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local community. With its single 2,600-foot runway, the airport can accommodate single-engine general aviation aircraft.

The airport supports a variety of general aviation activities, including flight training, recreational/sport, and corporate/business activity. Approximately 30 percent of the airport's annual operations are business related. Local businesses that use Pierson Municipal include T and D Ventures and Eagle Sport Aviation. There are no on-site tenants at the airport.

The annual economic impact of Pierson Municipal Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from operations at the airport and construction projects that are undertaken by the airport. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft.

