THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

Bob White Field (X61)

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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		170,107	\$8.1	\$36.3
CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS		765,225	\$20.7	\$67.2
MILITARY AVIATION	Ν	17,388	\$0.6	\$2.2
AIR CARGO		137,482	\$6.4	\$12.8
AVIATION EDUCATION	Ν	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
		1,312,431	\$44.5	\$144.0

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Located in Orange County, approximately one mile west of Zellwood, Bob White Field serves the general aviation needs of the local community. With its single 3,300-foot turf runway, the airport can accommodate small multi-engine general aviation aircraft.

While the airport supports some flight training activity, its primary focus is on supporting sport aviation/recreational flying. Southern Aircraft Support is the only on-airport tenant; they provide aircraft maintenance services to local and transient users.

The annual economic impact of Bob White Field is associated with direct impacts that come from its tenant and construction projects that are untaken by the airport or its tenant. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft.

