

NARTP Partners with Embry-Riddle to Advance Aviation Innovation

The National Aviation Research and Technology Park has announced yet another positive step in the development of an aviation innovation hub with its signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to promote academic and research opportunities in aviation and avionics.

The National Aviation Research and Technology Park is an industry, academia and government collaboration focused on research, innovation and commercialization of emerging technologies for aviation. It is ideally located adjacent to both the Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center, the nation's premier air transportation systems laboratory, and the Atlantic City International Airport, a Smart Airport Research Test Bed facility. Together the three facilities comprise a state-designated Aviation District.

"With this MOU, Embry-Riddle will now serve as an academic partner of NARTP to help advance the aviation sciences through research activities to enhance the safety, security, efficiency and capacity of air transportation," stated NARTP Board President Dr. Edward H. Salmon.

As a key member of NARTP's academic consortium, Embry-Riddle will also assist in the creation and delivery of academic programs related to engineering, aeronautics, aviation and avionics.

Embry-Riddle is recognized as the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace. Embry-Riddle is also working with Atlantic County to develop an operational plan for an aviation and technical academy at Atlantic City International Airport and most recently met with Atlantic County high school superintendents to discuss an aviation STEM initiative that would provide high school students with opportunities to earn college credits and industry certifications prior to graduation.

"We are honored to partner with the NARTP to accelerate the pace of innovation in aviation and avionics through education and research initiatives," said Dr. Alan Stolzer, dean of Embry-Riddle's College of Aviation in Daytona Beach, Fla. "Aviation safety and workforce capacity are top-priority goals, which will be supported through this collaborative venture."