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## NARTP RIBBON CUTTING



More than 300 people joined Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Steve Sweeney, FAA Technical Center Director Shelley Yak, County Executive Dennis Levinson and others on June 19 to celebrate the official opening of the first building at the National Aviation Research and Technology Park adjacent to the FAA Technical Center and Atlantic City International Airport that comprise the new aviation innovation hub.

The three-story, 56,000 sq. ft. building, located at 600 Aviation Research Boulevard in Egg Harbor Township, is now fully leased. Tenants include General Dynamics Information Technology, Thunderbolt Software, the FAA LIFT Lab, the Atlantic County Institute of Technology Aviation Program, and the offices of the NARTP.

Current research partners of the NARTP include Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, the National Institute of Aerospace, Rowan University and Stockton University.

If you were not able to attend, please visit our website to view videos and photos at: [aceanj.com/aviation-hub](http://aceanj.com/aviation-hub).

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES from Lauren H. Moore, Jr.

June 19, 2019 - what a tremendous day for Atlantic County with the ribbon cutting for 600 Aviation Research Boulevard in the National Aviation Research and Technology Park. Congratulations to all those who have contributed to making this a reality.



But make no mistake, we are not celebrating a conclusion, but rather a beginning of a new aviation industry and innovation economy that will benefit both Atlantic County and New Jersey. The work of the ACEA continues as we focus on developing the aviation maintenance academy, air cargo opportunities, the Embry-Riddle STEM program for local high schools, smart airport technology, and more.

Fasten your seat belts; the ACEA is on the move!

## BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS

On July 23 the US Economic Development Authority announced its 2019 Regional Innovation Strategies Program Competition winners at a national press conference in Washington, DC for projects that increase regional capacity to accelerate the translation of innovation, ideas, intellectual property, and research into products, services, companies, and jobs.

The ACEA was selected, as the lead applicant, to receive a \$750,000 i6 Challenge award to establish the infrastructure and ecosystem for a Smart Airport and Aviation Partnership (SAAP). Partners include the National Aviation Research and Technology Park, Atlantic and Cape May counties, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, New Jersey Innovation Institute, Rowan University, Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College. The National Institute of Aerospace will provide executive leadership of the SAAP and the FAA Technical Center will be a primary source for technologies to be commercialized in the smart airport and aviation field. Other key stakeholders include the NJEDA, local banks and investment groups, and aviation-related companies.

The goal of the partnership is to enable the acceleration and incubation of early stage startup companies and the demonstration of smart airport and aviation technologies.

## Orsted Selected for Offshore Wind Energy Project

The ACEA congratulates Ørsted U.S. on its selection by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to receive subsidies to build a 1,100 megawatt ocean wind farm off the coast of Atlantic City. The project is expected to create 15,000 jobs over its 25-year lifespan, power 500,000 homes and provide \$1.17 billion net economic benefits to the state, according to Orsted. Construction is planned to begin in early 2020 and be completed within four years.

“We are excited to work with Orsted and help develop the wind energy industry in New Jersey that directly correlates with the Atlantic County economic development strategic plan,” stated ACEA Executive Director, Lauren H. Moore, Jr. “The training required for many wind energy jobs is very similar to that of aviation maintenance and repair.”

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### ATLANTIC CITY AIR SHOW

**Wednesday, August 21 • 11 AM - 4 PM**

Celebrating its 17th year, the event will feature the United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force Red Arrows in addition to the US Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, the GEICO Skytypers and the Miss GEICO racing watercraft.

## Esports Gaining Ground in AC



Esports is a billion dollar industry that has seen tremendous growth in which audiences watch gamers compete in real time for prizes during live competitions.

Atlantic City hopes to cash in on the esports industry and continues to work with local esports service organization, InGame, and Continent 8 Technologies which hosts a data center in the Atlantic City Convention Center.

“Atlantic City has done more than most cities in pioneering partnerships between venues and event organizers,” according to Anthony Gaud, InGame president. “The city is leading when many don’t know what to do.”

And Atlantic City also has the advantage of having legalized sports betting. New Jersey recently took in more sports bets than Nevada to lead the nation.

InGame helped bring the 2019 Collegiate StarLeague Grand Finals to Boardwalk Hall in April and Ultimate Gaming Championship recently announced the upcoming Halo Classic, September 6-8, at Bally’s Hotel and Casino where top teams will battle for \$50,000 in prizes.