

## Summit Aviation Unveils New Hanger and Paint Facility *Company Plans to Hire More Workers*

**Middletown, Del.** (September 22, 2011) – [Delaware Economic Development Office](#) officials and Summit Aviation employees celebrated the unveiling of the company's new 78,000 square-foot expansion today.

"This expansion allows us to now provide additional maintenance capacity and capabilities for our Operators," said President of Summit Aviation Robert Fitzpatrick. "It also demonstrates our commitment to the State of Delaware to provide a safe and worthwhile workplace for employees."

Summit Aviation, a Greenwich AeroGroup Company, was established in 1960 and has been a full service Federal Aviation Administration Certified Repair Station since 1966. Summit broke ground on its 550-acre site on June 9, 2010 for the development, which includes a 37,400 square-foot hangar, 9,200 square-foot paint facility, two cold storage units and an additional 11,400 square-feet of support and office space.

"For more than 50 years, Summit Aviation has earned a positive reputation for its service," said Delaware Governor Jack Markell. "Both now and for decades to come, these new facilities will keep people hard at work building on that legacy."

Summit's parent company, Greenwich AeroGroup, has invested \$12 million in capital since acquiring the facility in 2008. DEDO awarded Summit a performance-based grant from the Delaware Strategic Fund in the amount of \$1.36 million to help the company expand the site and add up to 188 new jobs over a three year time period.

"We were proud to support Summit Aviation's investment in Delaware," said DEDO Director Alan Levin. "With the completion of this project, the company will hire more Delaware workers to fulfill its increased demand for aviation maintenance and service work."

To date, Summit Aviation has added 31 to its workforce as a result of the expansion.

### **About the Delaware Economic Development Office**

DEDO is an executive state agency responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to the state, promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. Visit [dedo.delaware.gov](http://dedo.delaware.gov). Follow DEDO on Facebook or Twitter @DEDOgov.

### **Summit Aviation**

Located in Middletown, Delaware, the company offers aircraft and engine maintenance and modification services on Bell, Eurocopter, Sikorsky, Boeing and MD helicopters as well as on Pilatus,

Cessna, Beechcraft King Airs, Beechjets and other light jet model aircraft. The company also provides engine maintenance and support to its customers which include Pratt & Whitney, Turbomeca, and others.

**About Greenwich AeroGroup**

Greenwich AeroGroup, Inc., located in Greenwich, Conn., owns and operates providers of general, commercial, government and military aviation services including: maintenance, avionics and interior refurbishments; fixed base operations; aircraft sales, charter and management; manufacturing and engineering; component repair and overhaul; and parts distribution. Current locations include: Atlantic Aero, Inc., located at Piedmont-Triad International Airport in Greensboro, N.C.; Western Aircraft, Inc., located at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho; Summit Aviation, Inc., located at Summit Airport in Middletown, Del.; DAC International, Inc., located in Austin, Texas; Matrix Aviation, Inc., located in Wichita, Kan.; Professional Aviation Associates, Inc., located in Atlanta, Ga.; Professional Aircraft Accessories, Inc., located in Titusville, Fla.; NASAM, Inc., located in San Francisco, Calif., and GCCUS Inc. located in Aptos, Calif. News and information are available at [www.greenwichaerogroup.com](http://www.greenwichaerogroup.com).

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