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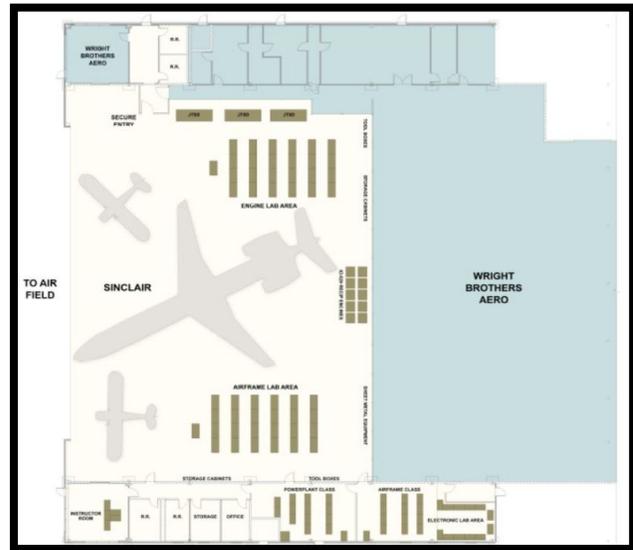
## New Aircraft Mechanic Training Center to Prepare Students for In-Demand Careers

*Sinclair College, City of Dayton, and the Dayton International Airport are collaborating to develop Aircraft Mechanic Training Center.*

**Dayton, Ohio** – Sinclair Community College, the City of Dayton, and the Dayton International Airport, in conjunction with PSA Airlines, are collaborating to meet the growing need for aircraft mechanics. On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, plans were unveiled for a new Aircraft Mechanic Training Center that will be housed in a renovated hangar at the Dayton International Airport.

The training center will contain two classrooms, two lab spaces and will be dedicated to aircraft mechanics and aviation service maintenance coursework and hands-on training. The renovation will accommodate commercial aircraft, equipment, and training/lab space for instruction.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of aircraft and avionics equipment mechanics and technicians is projected to grow 11 percent through 2030. 14,400 openings for aircraft and avionics equipment mechanics and technicians are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Annual salaries range between \$50,000 to \$75,000.



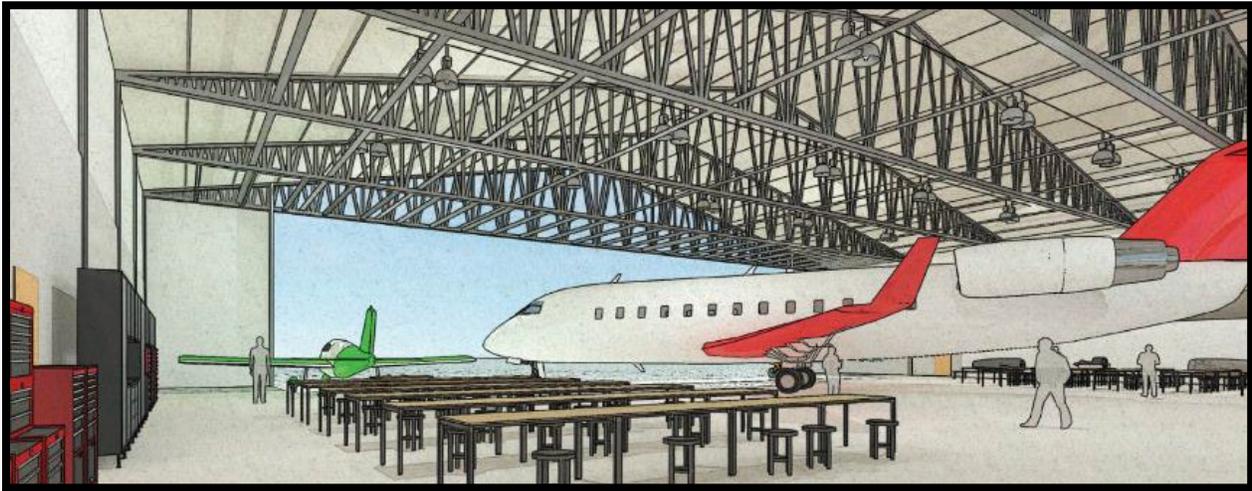
*Aircraft Mechanics Training Center – Dayton International Airport*

The total cost of the project is \$1,014,000. Sinclair College has committed \$560,000 for educational materials, including training aids and displays, furniture, and renovation costs. The City of Dayton Department of Aviation will contribute \$204,000 toward the renovation of the hangar. The partners are seeking additional federal and state funding for the project.

“Sinclair College is committed to working with employers and partners to address the needs of our community. The new aircraft mechanic training center will provide exceptional education for students while reinforcing Sinclair’s commitment to building the workforce in Montgomery County and the Dayton region,” said Dr. Steve Johnson, President – Sinclair College. “The continued successful growth of our community depends on access to high-quality and well-trained personnel for in-demand careers.”

“Graduates of this program will be well-positioned for high-paying mechanic and maintenance jobs locally with PSA Airlines, Air Wisconsin, and other airline and aviation companies,” added Gilbert Turner, Director of Aviation – Dayton International Airport. “This partnership will strengthen the viability of the Dayton region’s air travel economy.”

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“The building of this facility in our backyard will provide PSA Airlines with a more highly skilled and knowledgeable workforce that will help us fill workforce gaps,” said Dion Flannery, President of PSA Airlines. “We are committed to growing our mutually beneficial partnership with Sinclair over the years to strengthen the local aviation community.”

“The new Aircraft Mechanic Training Center brings together an incredible team to help prepare students for critical roles in our nation’s aircraft and aviation industry. These in-demand jobs enable safe travel and trade around the world. We’re grateful to Sinclair College, the City of Dayton and the Dayton International Airport for developing a way to give students a pathway to a successful career,” added Jeff Hoagland, President and CEO – Dayton Development Coalition.

“Finding the right talent for available positions is vital to economic success, especially in today’s business climate. This investment gives us the ability to point to a respected and reliable pipeline of highly trained aircraft mechanics, and that puts the Dayton region miles ahead of other communities when it comes to attracting investment in the aviation industry. We’re fortunate to have Sinclair’s expertise and commitment to fulfilling the needs of our business community. It allows us to continue to drive economic growth,” said Chris Kershner, President & CEO – Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

When the renovation of the hangar is complete, Sinclair College will expand its existing aviation maintenance programs into the new space at the Dayton International Airport creating the largest program capacity in the state of Ohio. Classes will be conducted at both the new facility and Sinclair’s downtown campus. The new training center is expected to be complete and open in early 2023.

Over the past five years, 240 degrees and certificates have been awarded through Sinclair’s Aviation Maintenance programs. To learn more about Sinclair’s Aviation Technology programs, visit [sinclair.edu/aviation](http://sinclair.edu/aviation).

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