



## **Dayton, Cincinnati Receive IMCP Re-Designation**

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DAYTON—The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration renewed the Southwest Ohio Aerospace Region's Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) designation. First designated in 2014, the Southwest Ohio Aerospace Region (SOAR) is a partnership between the City of Dayton, the City of Cincinnati, the Dayton Development Coalition, and REDI Cincinnati. SOAR was one of the 12 original IMPCs.

During the first two-year designation period, the SOAR focused on regional workforce and training, building supplier networks and business retention and expansion.

"The IMCP designation has allowed us to continue to focus on one of our most important assets, our workforce," said Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley. "Through strong partnerships with Sinclair Community College and Cincinnati State, we have developed a robust training pipeline to jobs in our community. We are thrilled that the EDA has recognized the hard work the region has done in the past two years through the redesignation of the SOAR."

Mayor John Cranley praised the designation for making the region more competitive for grants related to manufacturing.

"Manufacturing continues to be a high-growth industry in our region, offering excellent employment opportunities to our local workforce," said Mayor John Cranley. "This renewed designation allows for greater innovation in manufacturing that will drive continued economic growth, and enable Southwest Ohio to be even more competitive."

"The Dayton Development Coalition is proud partner in the SOAR IMPC," said President and CEO Jeff Hoagland. "SOAR supports the partnerships that are vital to attracting new companies, allowing the Dayton and Cincinnati Regions to work together to support our existing aerospace companies as they grow. The SOAR team

connected with more than 200 companies, building the strong connections necessary for maintaining a competitive aerospace region."

"SOAR is the latest opportunity to demonstrate why Southwest Ohio remains a dominant player in the aerospace industry," said Johnna Reeder, president & CEO of REDI Cincinnati. "Since its inception, the region created or retained close to 10,000 jobs and benefited from more than one billion dollars in capital investment."

The re-designation of SOAR will be through 2018.

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