Pennsylvania’s aviation industry continues to provide high quality jobs and spur important local spending by on-airport businesses and agencies. The commonwealth’s system of 15 commercial service and 117 general aviation airports connects Pennsylvania businesses and residents to the national and global economy. This system is comprised of a network of airports, airlines, air cargo businesses, corporate flight departments, private aircraft owners, and recreational airplane pilots. Manufacturers in the state rely on airports to access markets and to receive supplies. Businesses rely on airports to conduct face-to-face meetings with customers and business associates within the United States and abroad. Leisure travelers use airports to reach recreational and tourist sites and to visit with family and friends.

Pennsylvania’s Total Annual Economic Impacts from Aviation

When all of the impacts of Pennsylvania’s system airports are added together, nearly 304,500 total jobs can be traced to the aviation industry. These employees receive more than $9.2 billion in total payroll, and generate nearly $23.6 billion in total economic activity. In addition, Pennsylvania’s airports provide a number of health, welfare, and safety benefits, the impacts of which are immeasurable. Such services include aerial agricultural spraying, medical transport and evacuation, flight training, law enforcement, wildlife management, military exercises, and search and rescue operations.

Impact Measures

Employment measures the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs related to airport activity, including on-airport construction. A part-time employee is counted as half a full-time employee.

Payroll measures the total annual wages and benefits paid to all workers whose salaries are directly attributable to airport activity.

Economic Activity (Output) measures the value of goods and services related to airports in Pennsylvania. The output of on-airport businesses is typically assumed to be the sum of annual gross sales and average annual capital expenditures.

Total Jobs – 304,464
Total Payroll – $9.2 billion
Total Output – $23.6 billion
Bandel Airport is located four miles southeast of the Borough of Eighty Four in Washington County. The airport is approximately three miles east of Interstate Highway 70 and seven miles south of Interstate Highway 79. Major employers in Washington County include the 84 Lumber Company andComing Glass Works. Bandel Airport is classified as a Limited airport by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation. The airport has 19 based aircraft and approximately 5,497 annual operations. There is one gravel runway, Runway 1/19, that is 2,260 feet long and 100 feet wide.

Similar to many of the state’s smallest general aviation airports, the benefits of Bandel Airport are linked primarily to the recreational benefits that the airport provides. The airport’s turf and gravel runway is used extensively by area glider pilots, especially on the weekends. Many beginning pilots and weekend flyers prefer the uncongested operating environment afforded by Bandel Airport. The airport is a privately-owned, public-use facility. The open and undeveloped character of the area surrounding the airport also makes it ideal for training activities of novice flyers.

Economic Impact of Bandel Airport

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Total Jobs: 4
Total Payroll: $108,400
Total Output: $372,600

Qualitative Benefits

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