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
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The Horsham Valley Airways Inc. heliport is a privately-owned, public use heliport located within the Philadelphia metropolitan region. The heliport also provides numerous services—a full range of fueling services, an FAA-certified repair station, and a Bell-Hughes authorized service center. As a result of the heliport’s location and available services it is utilized extensively by area businesses.

Aside from its business-related activities, the Horsham Valley Airways Inc. heliport supports a flight training program, is used on a regular basis to transport just-in-time and perishable goods, and is used for a wide variety of aerial inspections including pipeline patrol, aerial photography, and real estate tours. The heliport is also used on a routine basis by area law enforcement agencies, and it is used daily for news and traffic reporting.

**Economic Impact of Horsham Valley Airways Inc. Heliport**

**Direct Impacts** include both direct impacts related to on-airport businesses and government agencies, and off-airport impacts, which are usually attributable to visitor spending.

**Multiplier Impacts** are comprised of indirect and induced impacts. These impacts are attributed to employees spending their earnings at local businesses, and the on-airport businesses purchasing goods and services locally. This re-circulation is commonly referred to as the “multiplier effect.”

**Total Impacts** are the combination of all direct, indirect, and induced impacts.

**Qualitative Benefits**

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