



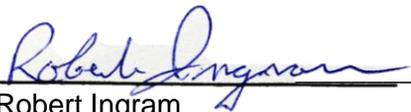
The consulting team of Common Sense Economic Development, LLC and Tucson/Atlantic Consulting has surveyed and examined the **One East Kentucky** region, and its potential to target, recruit and support aerospace-related business and industry. Fourteen essential qualities in aerospace site location searches were evaluated, and many secondary aviation support criteria were evaluated to determine the potential for aerospace corporations to operate successfully in the nine-county region.

These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Airport(s) with at least 10 acres of available land for economic development, supporting navigation aids for corporate aircraft and a minimum 5,000-foot runway;
2. Availability of local training of technical skills often needed by aerospace companies;
3. An FAA certified A&P (airframe and power plant) training facility located within the State;
4. Available industrial building(s) or hangar(s) suitable for aviation development;
5. An available skilled workforce suitable for aviation employment;
6. Adequate infrastructure to support the aviation industry;
7. Aviation support service business and industry;
8. A community pro-business environment;
9. Proximity to University- based aerospace programs and research;
10. Quality of Life assets in the region, which are essential to attracting executive talent.

It is our opinion that the area possesses the resources needed to attract and sustain aerospace-related companies, including those that require airport support services and infrastructure, as well as those that simply need high-quality sites or buildings.

The regional public and private leadership have shown a strong commitment to grow their market area and we are proud to endorse their aerospace recruiting efforts by certifying the **One East Kentucky region as an AEROready™ Region**, signifying its ability to successfully support the critical needs of the aerospace industry. This certification authorizes the **One East Kentucky and its aerospace partners** to utilize the AEROready™ Region logo in its marketing efforts and to publicize its AEROready™ Region status as needed to recruit aerospace related business and industry.


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