

## AMES Enhances In-Demand Aviation Training in Ohio

### COMPANY PROFILE

The Wilmington Air Park has seen growth since it took over an airpark previously occupied by DHL. Located on campus is the Air Transport Services Group which employs more than 3300 people with about 1200 individuals located across all its operations in Clinton County. The Air Transport Services Group (ATSG) subsidiary Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services (AMES) performs maintenance and modifications to aircraft flown by commercial airlines as well as ATSG's two airlines and the ATSG aircraft leasing company, also located at Wilmington Air Park.

### BUSINESS NEED

AMES sought growth opportunities and recognized that it needed more qualified workers to propel it forward. Aviation technicians were needed for the growing Wilmington Air Park. AMES recognized it would have to develop a new technician training program to meet the demand for aviation technicians. However, AMES lacked the immediate resources for training.

### OHIO SOLUTIONS

JobsOhio granted AMES a \$315,000 workforce grant to support the training of 60 entry-level structures trainees totaling 100 new jobs. AMES used the funds to implement the Aviation Structures Training Apprenticeship Program for entry-level individuals seeking a career as an aviation technician. This program is an alternative to the FAA-approved Part 147 Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Vocational Education program. Students who complete 18 months of training have the opportunity to apply for approval from the FAA to test for an Airframe (A) license.

### PROJECT STATS

- **Location:** Wilmington
- **Total capital investment:** \$315,000
- **Jobs committed:** 100
- **Jobs retained:** 644
- **Collaborator:** JobsOhio

*"These are aviation-related skilled tech jobs. They're not just retaining or returning jobs to Wilmington, but increasing them with AMES growing exponentially as it is."*

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