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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Orangeburg Municipal Airport hosts airport economic showcase August 21**

*Airport celebrates South Carolina Aviation Week*

**Orangeburg, S.C.** – Orangeburg Municipal Airport will celebrate South Carolina Aviation Week with an airport showcase on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 1811 Airport Road in Orangeburg. During the event, City of Orangeburg and Orangeburg County officials will celebrate the economic impact the airport makes on the city, county and state.

The showcase will recognize legislators for their support of the airport's pavement rejuvenation project. The facility sees close to 8,000 visitors a year who travel into and out of the region. According to a 2018 Economic Impact Study performed by South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, a high percentage of operations at Orangeburg Municipal airport are business related.

Congressman Joe Wilson, S.C. Senator John Matthews, S.C. Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter and S.C. Rep. Russell Ott are confirmed to attend the event. Both Sen. Matthews and Rep. Cobb-Hunter have supported airport and aviation industry initiatives in the past.

"The city is proud to welcome legislators, community leaders and citizens to the airport to celebrate the impact our airport and the aviation industry make on Orangeburg," said City Administrator John Yow. "With the support and cooperation of our elected officials and local citizens, Orangeburg Municipal Airport continues to thrive and welcome new tenants."

Owned by the City of Orangeburg, Orangeburg Municipal Airport is home to a number of corporate and private aircraft. Two runways serve piston and jet aircraft. Fuel services are available around the clock, and pilots have access to satellite weather, wireless internet and a courtesy car.

Orangeburg has experienced significant growth over the last decade and has four (4) aerospace manufactures located in the County: Sigmatech, GKN I, GKN II and Zeus Industrial Products (which is headquartered in Orangeburg County.) In fact, Orangeburg has 22 International Companies and nine (9) industrial parks totaling over 3,000 acres available to advanced manufacturing and distribution. Commonly referred to as South Carolina's Global Logistics Triangle (I-26 ▪ US-301 ▪ I-95); last week NAI-Earle Furman announced a new 200,000+ square foot industrial Speculative Building in the Orangeburg County/City Industrial park located on Exit 154 on I-26. [www.ocdc.com](http://www.ocdc.com)

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“Orangeburg County is experiencing substantial industrial growth and development,” said Gregg Robinson, Executive Director of Orangeburg County Development Commission. “With a number aerospace industry partners located in the county, proximity to major markets and some of the lowest corporate income tax and utility rates in the Southeast and the nation, we expect to enjoy continued expansion. Location Matters and South Carolina offers a significant advantage.”

South Carolina Aviation Week is a statewide celebration of the economic and education impact of airports and the aviation industry. Celebrated August 18 – 24, 2019, and centered around National Aviation Day on August 19, Aviation Week is planned in partnership by South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

SCAA actively promotes and encourages aviation and airport development to meet air transportation needs and assist the state in achieving economic development goals. Its membership is comprised of airports and aviators across South Carolina, as well as aviation industry partners. For more information, please visit [scaonline.com](http://scaonline.com).

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