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EDA Awards MAA \$5.1 million grant for Warehouse and Hangar Facility

MOBILE, Ala. (October 5, 2021) – The Mobile Airport Authority will build a multi-use cargo warehouse and hangar facility at the Brookley Aeroplex with a \$5.1 million CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant will be matched with \$747,275 in local funds and is expected to create 50 jobs and leverage \$1.5 million in private investment.

This facility will include a cold storage space capable of holding COVID-19 related materials and allow for the quick distribution and shipment of food products to any location in the country.

“This EDA grant is excellent news for not only the Mobile Airport Authority but also the region,” said Chris Curry, President of the Mobile Airport Authority. “This investment in our infrastructure will improve our resiliency, attract additional business, and strengthen our capacity for long-term growth.”

“As we continue to recover from this pandemic, our community must have the resources needed to create good-paying jobs while growing the economy,” said MAA Board Chair Elliot Maisel. “This facility at the Brookley Aeroplex will bolster job creation and diversify the regional economy.”

“Congratulations to the MAA team for securing this important funding that will help expand their offerings at the Brookley Aeroplex downtown,” Mayor Sandy Stimpson said. “Adding additional warehouse space in this important logistics area will attract more businesses and bring more private investment and jobs to Mobile.

The CARES Act provides EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

About Mobile Airport Authority

The Mobile Airport Authority owns and operates Mobile Regional Airport (MOB), Mobile Downtown Airport (BFM), and the Brookley Aeroplex generating \$1.8 Billion in economic value for Alabama. Delta Airlines, American Airlines, and United Airlines serve the Mobile Regional Airport, providing direct service to four major hubs: Atlanta, Dallas, Charlotte, and Houston. MOB is also home to Airbus Space and Defense.

BFM is located next to the Port of Mobile. The unparalleled geographical location supports the Authority’s multimodal ability to bring maritime, rail trucking, and aviation together in one area. BFM is also home to Airbus Final Assembly Line, Airbus Engineering, ST Aerospace, and Continental Motors.

The Brookley Aeroplex is an industrial complex that supports the operation of BFM, and it is home to more than 90 businesses that include supply chain providers and others that support the transportation industry.

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