

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING... Aviation Companies on Florida's Business Climate

Frederico Fleury Curado, President and Chief Executive Officer, Embraer Aircraft Holding, Inc. said,

"Both Embraer and our customers are very satisfied with the success of our Phenom assembly facility and global customer center located at Melbourne airport. In partnership with Governor Rick Scott, Enterprise Florida, the City of Melbourne, the Melbourne Airport Authority, Brevard County, Space Florida, Enterprise Florida, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, and Brevard Workforce, we are ready to take the next step here by expanding the operation to include the assembly of the Legacy 450/500 to address the needs of our largest market."

Sherry Carbary, Vice President, Boeing Flight Services said,

"Miami has always been an important Boeing training campus and the largest campus in our global network. Now it will also play an expanded role in training the pilots and technicians who will fly and maintain the groundbreaking 787 Dreamliner. Miami's location at the crossroads of the Americas offers tremendous advantages as a preferred location for airlines based in Latin America, Canada and the United States. Customers also travel from Europe, Africa, the Middle East and China to conduct training in Miami."

Christian Nielsen, President, AVEO Engineering said,

"We've been working closely with Flagler County and have conducted our workforce analysis over the past few months. We've learned that the county and region provide an amazing pool of talent from which to draw."

Tim Vice, Corporate VP and Sector President of Aerospace Systems, Northrop Grumman said,

"We are building a part of a legacy of success in Melbourne. It's our job to give the resources to the men and women protecting our country and the Florida business climate was a key part in our decision to move here and to St. Augustine - with the great schools and universities, workforce and political decisions, it's a premier place for our employees and families. I am thrilled knowing our partnership will grow for decades to come."

Glen Joerger, President of National Airlines and Vice President of National Air Cargo Holdings said,

"Florida provides an aviation rich environment for our growing airlines, and a wonderful home base for our employees," says Glen Joerger, President of National Airlines. We considered a number of cities when looking to move – Orlando was the best in every measure."

Jared Isaacman, CEO, Draken International said,

"Draken International is pleased to announce we have signed a ten-year lease with Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, committing our company to the economic growth of Lakeland and the Central Florida area. As we continue to grow, we will endeavor to bring more business and more jobs to Lakeland. I also want to thank the local political & civic leaders for making us feel so welcome in our new home."

Carl Putman, President and CEO, Vision Systems said,

"We felt it was essential for Vision Systems to be located in America. We feel confident in moving our first American location to Florida's Space Coast. This location will enable us to be closer to our U.S. customers and to expand our business activities in this area. We thank Governor Scott, Enterprise Florida, and the EDC for helping to make this move a great opportunity for Vision Systems, and for Florida families."



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