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INVESTMENT BOARD

CENTER FOR INDUSTRY INITIATIVES
AEROSPACE INDUSTRY INITIATIVE SUMMARY
JUNE 19, 2013

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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BACKGROUND

The Aerospace Leadership Team meets bi-monthly to continue to drive implementation of its initiatives.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

On May 20, 2013, Lynn Reed, GWIB Executive Director, Mary O'Connor, GWIB Aerospace Program Manager, and several Aerospace Leadership Committee members attended the ribbon-cutting for the new Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA) facility in Hagerstown. School leadership, as well as state and local officials, were present for the opening of the state-of-the-art building designed to be the ideal environment for learning aviation maintenance. The school was also celebrating the passage of the two-year mark of the campus' existence, which now allows veterans to use their benefits to pay tuition costs while attending.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES TO DATE:

- The third class of PIA students graduated on April 12, 2013. Of the seven graduates, two are working at Micron in Manassas, Virginia, two are still negotiating for positions, and two still need to take their Airframe exam.
- The Committee Chair has transferred the Maryland Aerospace Industry Career and Education Information Portal (<http://www.marylandaerospace.com/>), hosted by SGT, Inc., to another platform so that it may be more easily updated. The Committee's workgroup will begin carefully reviewing the entire contents, testing the existing links, and editing the site so that information is current. The updated portal will go live this summer. Future updates will be performed by the Chair or the GWIB Aerospace Program Manager. The Committee expects this Portal to create relationships among those in the industry in order to increase interest in aerospace. For example, one committee member recommended adding a feature to the portal with very detailed information regarding what skills are sought by aerospace employers. The thought behind this was that industry employers are receiving thousands of applications for every one or two job openings. This information will serve as a filter for those seeking employment.
- The NASA/GSFC Science and Engineering Education Center planning is progressing. The Committee supports the formation of a non-profit organization in order to move the project forward. Completion should take place within five years. This Center is envisioned as an interactive exhibit and exploration area designed to capture the imagination of visiting students.



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