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Michigan Aviation Maintenance Industry Fact Sheet

The civil aviation maintenance sector is an important part of the aerospace industry and U.S. economy. Nationwide, civil aviation maintenance companies employ 274,634 workers and the industry's economic impact is $39 billion per year. The industry also has a strong, positive balance of trade, estimated at $2.4 billion per year.

Independent repair stations account for the majority of the industry's jobs and economic activity. Repair stations collectively employ 199,913 workers. These companies, the majority of which are small businesses, are closely regulated and receive their "license to do business" (known as a repair station certificate) from the Federal Aviation Administration. Repair stations are highly specialized and get better return on investment in training, equipment, facilities, etc. Airlines therefore rely on them to reduce costs while achieving the highest level of safety.

Aviation maintenance is an important part of the economy in Michigan:

- Repair stations in Michigan employ 4,322 workers.
- The aviation maintenance industry (repair stations, plus airline base and line maintenance, and parts distribution and manufacturing) employs 5,676 workers in Michigan.
- The annual impact of repair stations and airline base and line maintenance on Michigan's economy is $520 million.
- The aviation maintenance industry's total annual impact on Michigan's economy is $749.6 million.

This information was developed by AeroStrategy for the Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA) based on 2009 government and industry data. ARSA is an Alexandria, Virginia-based trade association that represents aviation maintenance and manufacturing companies. The association has a distinguished 25-year record of advocating for repair stations and providing regulatory compliance assistance to the industry. More information about ARSA is available at http://www.arsa.org.

This document, fact sheets for other states and recent economic reports about the aviation maintenance industry are available at http://www.arsa.org/IED.

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