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## **BREAKING NEWS: Boeing Virtual Manufacturing Center Now Reality**

On the heels of approval of a state grant, Boeing-Heath announced its plans to establish the Virtual Manufacturing Center, an interactive, real-time visualization system. The virtual reality tool is seen as a quantum leap into a much brighter future for the COATC.

GO TO: <http://coatc.com/VMC>

## **State Grant Ok'd**

*On Target News* was the first to report that a \$200,000 state grant was approved by Controlling Board. The grant is part of the incentive package to encourage Boeing to establish its proposed Virtual Manufacturing Center. Today's Boeing announcement followed state approval of the incentive package.

GO TO: <http://onthebase.com/cgi-bin/news.pl>

## **PORT AUTHORITY COMMENTS IN EXCERPT FROM COATC.COM/VMC**

*Port Authority Director Rick Platt credits Lt. Governor Lee Fisher and State Representative Jay Hottinger with making the project investment announcement a reality. "Without Lt. Governor Fisher's personal involvement, I'm not sure this project happens. Boeing was convinced of the project's extreme importance to Ohio because of Fisher's personal attention and the state-local incentive package," Platt said. "Representative Hottinger championed this project with the State from the start and he stayed on it until the grant approval today." Hottinger is a member of the State Controlling Board which approved the state grant.*

*Platt sees another future use. "Boeing does over \$4 billion a year in business in Ohio. The VMC could quickly become an aerospace product development mecca for the hundreds of Boeing suppliers in Ohio and the Midwest. This investment puts the Aerospace Center on the map in an unprecedented way."*