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## D.C. Fly-In Contingent Hits Hill

The annual D.C. Fly-In took place May 16 with Licking County Commissioner Duane Flowers, Licking County Recorder Bryan Long, and Heath Mayor Mark Johns joining a public-private contingent hitting Capitol Hill to advocate for the defense workload at the Port Authority's Aerospace Center. The message? The Ohio Delegation needs to be aware of the modernization of the Air Force Primary



Standards Laboratory and support continuation of the 56-year role of the Aerospace Center in the deterrent fleet. Delivered.

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## Moving Dirt, Making Progress

Demolition of the former base fitness center which closed in November last year is now underway. A future, developable site is the goal for now. Preparation of a site pad for a 40,000 sq. ft. future building is also underway on the northeast side of the base campus. Contractors have been selected and will soon begin work on the building of a new Force Lab addition to the Boeing Building and build-out to accept the 911/EMA center slated to open later this year on the campus.

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## CEO Column: Manufacturing Tidbit

Port Authority CEO Rick Platt writes often about manufacturing.

Someone else helped make the case for why Licking County and Ohio should have a bias for manufacturing jobs. Recently, development expert Bill Fruth spoke to a GLC CIC gathering and noted that 41% of the imported wealth (the most coveted of



job creators) in Licking County comes from manufacturers.

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