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### **UTC Aerospace Systems Expands Foley, Alabama Facilities, Adds 260 Jobs**

**Robertsdale, Ala.** – The Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance (BCEDA) is pleased to announce that UTC Aerospace Systems will be creating an estimated 260 new jobs in Baldwin County and making a significant investment in expanding its Foley, Alabama facilities. UTC Aerospace Systems, a unit of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX), is one of the world’s largest suppliers of technologically advanced aerospace and defense products. With the expansion, the company will become the third largest aerospace manufacturer in Alabama, as measured by number of employees.

UTC Aerospace Systems officially broke ground on the new facility today in a ceremony cohosted by the BCEDA at the Foley site. Mayor of Foley John Koniar, Tucker Dorsey, chairman of the Baldwin County Commission, and Greg Canfield, secretary of commerce for Alabama, along with UTC representatives and approximately 800 local employees from the company’s original equipment plant and adjacent maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility all attended the groundbreaking.

“The number of Baldwin County jobs in the aerospace industry is significant and proves that we know how to do complex manufacturing,” said Dorsey. “I’d like to thank our economic development team for years of discussions to solidify and grow UTC’s presence in Baldwin County over other options in North America, expanding and diversifying our local economy and opportunities.”

The new 80,000-square-foot building, slated for completion the second quarter of 2017, will house the assembly of nacelle components and propulsion system integration. With an increased workforce of more than 1,000 employees at the Foley site, the expansion will help the company support multiple airplane platforms including the Airbus A320, the Bombardier CSeries, the Embraer E2 and Mitsubishi Regional Jet, though its primary mission will be to service the Airbus final assembly line in Mobile.

“This expansion is a great opportunity to expand our ability to apply our innovative nacelle technology to one of the world’s most popular airplanes,” said Marc Duvall, president of UTC Aerospace Systems’ Aerostructures business. “We chose Foley to expand because of its proven track record of performance, our desire to be near a key customer, and the tremendous cooperation we’ve had from the state [of Alabama], [Baldwin] county and the city [of Foley].”

Mayor Koniar echoed Duvall’s excitement about the expansion, as well as its implications for the community. “This expansion is a significant event for Foley that will provide additional high-quality jobs and put us on the radar within the aerospace community,” he said. “UTC has been a pleasure to work with, and we look forward to their continued growth in Foley.”

“We could not be more pleased that a worldwide company like UTC Aerospace Systems has chosen Baldwin County, Alabama for new job creation and investment,” said Lee Lawson, president and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance. “UTC’s decision to add 260 new jobs in Foley shows that we are a premier location for aerospace investment and innovation, as well as an ideal place to grow a world-class business.”

Employment opportunities are expected to grow to meet customer requirements following completion of the new facility next year.

For more information about UTC Aerospace Systems, visit [utcaerospacesystems.com](http://utcaerospacesystems.com).  
To learn more about economic growth opportunities within Baldwin County, visit BCEDA at [baldwineda.com](http://baldwineda.com).

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#### **About UTC Aerospace Systems**

UTC Aerospace Systems designs, manufactures and services integrated systems and components for the aerospace and defense industries. UTC Aerospace Systems supports a global customer base with significant worldwide manufacturing and customer service facilities. Follow the company on Twitter: @utcaerosystems.

#### **About BCEDA**

The Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, based in Robertsdale, Alabama, is a partnership of local public and private professionals, leaders, and officials dedicated to providing opportunities for businesses and improving the county's economy. The BCEDA focuses on business development endeavors that will ultimately create jobs, generate capital investment, and increase the quality of life within the community. The BCEDA is funded and supported by the county government, 14 municipalities, five Chambers of Commerce, eight Industrial Development Boards, and more than 100 privately owned businesses. For more information, visit [baldwineda.com](http://baldwineda.com).