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GULF SHORES AIRPORT ANNOUNCES NEW MRO OPERATION

Gulf Shores, Ala. – Resicum International LLC, a government services business focused on providing support to the Federal government in aviation, information, and maritime services, announced plans to relocate its headquarters and begin construction on a new hangar facility at Jack Edwards National Airport in Gulf Shores. The new 21,000-square-foot hangar is scheduled to open its doors summer of 2019, bringing 18 new aerospace jobs and more than \$1.1 million in annual payroll to Baldwin County during its first two years of operations.

Resicum International is a DCMA-I 8210 Certified aviation training and maintenance provider and one of few companies approved by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to maintain their aircraft and provide training using DOD assets at the contractor owned facility. With operations on three continents and a wide range of maintenance and training services, Resicum International's global reach has earned a reputation of quality and commitment in the aerospace industry.

"Resicum International is committed to bringing excellent aerospace services and well-paying technical jobs to Baldwin County and the Gulf Coast, for both our commercial and government services clients," said Robert Baird, managing director. "We intend to invest in the area for the long term and grow our aviation and government business here. To that end, we have already invested in infrastructure, equipment, people and processes to ensure that we always deliver safety in flight for all our clients, no matter how small. We look forward to continuing our investment and growing over time in the region."

In addition to federal government work, Resicum International provides commercial, state and local government services for Part 145 Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Services, and Part 61 Flight School Services through AeroPro, the company's civil aviation unit. Resicum has applied for a Part 141 certification which is pending with the FAA. Additional services, such as non-scheduled charter and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle support for both government and commercial customers will come on line by the end of 2018. Together, both business units account for approximately \$7 million in sales in 2017, with sales projections over \$8 million in 2018, with steady growth projections thereafter.

“We are excited to welcome Resicum International to Gulf Shores. Their investment in our community and Jack Edwards National Airport will benefit the entire region by bringing new, high paying jobs to our area,” said Mayor Robert Craft. “Expanding and diversifying our local economy is one of the critical objectives of Vision 2025. The addition of Resicum International represents a tremendous step toward achieving this goal.”

“This was the result the Airport Authority was striving for when we pursued funding and developed the over \$5 million Horak Complex investment, which was just completed last year,” stated Scott Fuller, director of Jack Edwards National Airport. “Resicum International’s operation will have a significant positive impact in growing non-tourism, specialized jobs for Baldwin County, and all parties involved in this acquisition need to be commended.”

Lee Lawson, president and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, said this announcement is another example of the continued momentum in the region’s aerospace cluster. Home to more than thirty aerospace companies and a regional workforce of over 500,000, South Alabama continues to be the premier destination for aerospace investment. For two years in a row, SmartAsset has ranked Baldwin County No. 1 in the state of Alabama for incoming business investment, and Emsi, a leading labor market analytics firm, recently ranked Baldwin County No. 1 in the state for workforce talent attraction.

“Resicum International’s decision to relocate its headquarters in Gulf Shores further showcases Baldwin County as a premier destination for businesses looking to expand in the southeast,” stated Chris Elliott, Baldwin County Commission representative for economic development. “As a growing hub for aerospace, we are excited to welcome Resicum International’s new MRO operation to Baldwin County and the City of Gulf Shores.”

Resicum International will start up operations in August in an existing hangar facility at Jack Edwards National Airport, as construction begins on the new facility later this year.

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