

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Wichita Airport Authority WSU Tech Aviation Training

Grant Program: ALOFT

Project Date: Jun 16, 2023 - Dec 31, 2025

Project Summary

The Wichita Airport Authority's (WAA) project supported aviation workforce development by expanding training infrastructure at Jabara Airport. This project directly supported the growth of WSU Tech's aviation training programs, which are central to Wichita's aviation talent pipeline.

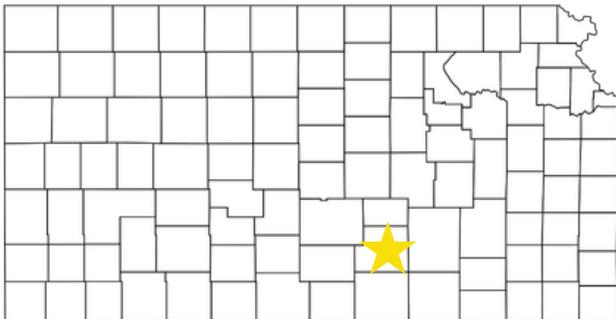
Goals and Objectives

Goal: Increase training and development opportunities for the Kansas aviation sector.

Objective: Construct and upgrade on-site training facilities to support WSU Tech's aviation training program expansion.

Location

Wichita, Kansas



Budget Overview

- **Grant:** \$2,196,986.23
- **Match:** \$732,328.70
- **Total Budget:** \$2,929,314.93

Expense Categories:

- Environmental Review: \$4,732.50
- Preliminary Engineering: \$106,946.52
- Engineering: \$64,803.85
- Administrative Costs: \$462.21
- Construction: \$1,799,551.64
- Project Inspection Fees: \$220,489.51

Grantee Information

The Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) is the governing body responsible for operating and developing Wichita's two-airport system: Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport (ICT) and Colonel James Jabara Airport (AAO). WAA is an enterprise fund of the City of Wichita. WAA and WSU Tech have collaborated for over twelve years to address the aviation industry staffing needs.

Target Population

The target population of this project included aviation maintenance technician trainees, aircraft structures and manufacturing students, avionics and aerospace technology students, and new entrants to the aviation workforce pipeline.

Sustainability

With project sitework completed, WSU Tech intends to sign a 35-year, pre-negotiated lease. The 120,000 square foot facility includes a hangar, smart manufacturing training facility, and lab building which will allow for significant program expansion. Additional future plans for this facility include an expansion of the aircraft maintenance program into high schools.

Outcomes

Airside improvements including a new apron, taxiway, access road, storm sewer improvements, drainage channel improvements, underdrains, fencing, edge lighting and airfield guidance signs were constructed to serve the WSU Tech and National Center of Aviation Training (NCAT) campus expansion. 10,930 sq. yards of 7" concrete pavement placed, 27 base mounted taxiway edge lights and 2 base mounted guidance signs installed.

Activities and Timeline

Q3 2023: Design phase initiated

Q2 2024: Design 100% complete

Q4 2024: Project approximately 60% complete including concrete and electrical

Q3 2025: Drainage work and trench footings complete.

Q4 2025: Project 100% complete

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