

Company breaks ground to add 42 new jobs

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Officials broke ground Tuesday on a 7,500 square-foot building at Dayton-based PSA Airlines headquarters that will bring 42 new jobs to the region.

“It’s a brand new building,” said Dion Flannery, incoming PSA president. “It’s going to serve us well immediately as well as our future growth.”

Flannery said the 42 positions will be offered in areas of operations support, including dispatchers, crew planners and crew schedulers.

“Dayton’s been our home since 1986,” Flannery said. “In fact some of the dispatchers and coordinators we have that are going to move into this new building have been with us for over 12 years.”

The new jobs will pay between \$30,000 and \$45,000 per year, Flannery said.

“It’s a big deal for us because it contributes to the vitality of the airport and it contributes to air service,” said Terry Slaybaugh, director of aviation for the city of Dayton.

Slaybaugh said the new jobs will bring additional revenue to the city through income taxes.

During the process of securing the expansion, Montgomery County leaders approved a \$500,000 development grant to help get PSA to move forward with the project.

“The community did a fantastic job making a compelling case for us to stay,” Flannery said.

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor was at Tuesday’s groundbreaking and said the additional jobs speak to the importance of aviation in the Dayton region.

“Our role is to make sure we have the right economic environment,” Taylor said. “PSA could have gone someplace else. They could have made a decision not to expand.”

The current PSA headquarters is approximately 20,000 square feet. The addition would bring the total space to around 27,500 square feet, Flannery said.

PSA, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Airlines Group, already employs 600 people in Dayton and has 1,400 employees nationwide.

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DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) – PSA Airlines is adding to its fleet.

It broke ground Tuesday on a new addition to its training center at the Dayton International Airport.

PSA currently has 446 full time employees. The new Operation Control Center will create about 42 new jobs.

The building will sit adjacent to the recently completed PSA Airlines Learning Center. It will be a 7,500 square foot building.

PSA Airlines has been headquartered in Dayton since 1986 and leaders say this latest project will make it more likely the airline will stay here.

“To have their mechanics here and have the trainings here in the city helps with the long term viability of the airport but also shows we have good quality jobs that fit in the aerospace field,” says Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley.

The new jobs pay an average of about \$40,000 a year.

But more than the jobs, Dayton officials say keeping PSA headquartered here gives travelers options.

“What it means is they’re going to have more choices to fly out of Dayton in the morning because airplanes are coming in here at night for maintenance,” says Aviation Director Terry Slaybaugh.

The project will cost about \$1.8 million. It’s being funded by city and airport dollars along with county and state grants.

We wanted to know if the project is a good use of your tax dollars.

“One thing I’ve been thrilled about with Jobs Ohio is the way they analyze the project and we do look at return on investment, so do I think it’s worth it? Yes,” says Lt. Governor Mary Taylor.

The building is expected to be finished in six months.

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