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### **KASICH ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF JOINT OHIO/INDIANA UAS CENTER** ***Will Lead Efforts to Secure Federal Testing Designation for Region***

COLUMBUS—Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced that Dick Honneywell will lead the Unmanned Aerial Systems Center and Test Complex, Ohio's joint venture with Indiana to develop the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) industry in the region by attracting new federal, military and commercial research and testing.

Honneywell, a retired U.S. Air Force Reserve Colonel, has more than three decades of experience managing aerospace technology and systems, most recently in the types of key technologies behind unmanned aircraft systems including materials, structures, propulsion, power systems, sensors and information technology.

"Dick brings a tremendous combination of technical and management expertise, as well as a broad knowledge of aerospace systems from his work in the Air Force and private sector. He's an outstanding choice to run this kind of complicated aerospace research, development and test operation and will be a good partner for the aerospace industry as we seek to further develop the UAS industry in our area," said Kasich.

During his 32-year Air Force career, Honneywell held numerous senior acquisition management positions in Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, the Electronic Systems Center, the Aeronautical Systems Center and the Air Force Research Laboratory. He concurrently served in the Air Force Reserve for 30 years, retiring at the grade of Colonel. Honneywell most recently served as Vice President of Aerospace at the Dayton Development Coalition where he was responsible for developing aeronautical business opportunities in the Dayton region with an emphasis on the region's UAS-related infrastructure, supply chain consolidation and expansion of maintenance, and repairs & overhaul (MRO) capabilities.

Headquartered in Springfield, Ohio, the Center is centrally located near operating locations at Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport, home of the Springfield Air National Guard, National Center for Medical Readiness, Wilmington Air Park and the Buckeye/Brushcreek Military Operating Areas (MOA) southeast of Wilmington. Indiana's Camp Atterbury, Jefferson Proving Ground and Muscatatuck Joint Training Center also provide component capabilities to the Center. The Center works closely with the region's other aerospace assets including the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

Ohio and Indiana, with support from the Dayton Development Coalition, jointly applied to the Federal Aviation Administration for designation of the UAS Center as one of six centers across the country to

test the integration of unmanned systems in the nation's airspace system. The designation would position the region to attract additional UAS-related research, manufacturing, and training jobs.

Governor Kasich announced the decision to stand-up the center last year at the AUVSI's Unmanned Systems North America 2012 conference.

Ohio has long been a major center for research and development of unmanned systems and the underlying technology. Ohio is home to the Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, and Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. It is also home for the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. The world's first unmanned aircraft system, the "Kettering Bug," was invented in Dayton, Ohio, in 1917.

Honeywell received his BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University and his MSE in Engineering Management from the University of Dayton. He is a graduate of the Defense Leadership and Management Program and Air War College.

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