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Study estimates Chicago Executive Airport generates 1,900 jobs and \$393 million in annual economic activity

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Wheeling and Prospect Heights, Illinois. A study conducted by Gruen Gruen + Associates estimates airport and private operations at Chicago Executive Airport generate an estimated 1,908 jobs with associated salary and wage income of \$130 million. Annual economic output, or the total volume of economic activity generated by activities at the Airport facilities approaches \$393.3M. The State of Illinois completed a study in 2012 that estimated the aviation industry generated 337,000 statewide jobs and an economic impact of over \$40 billion. The Illinois Department of Transportation is updating that analysis later this year.

Chicago Executive Airport and its related activities also generate an estimated \$5.5 million in annual tax revenue for the State of Illinois and local taxing bodies.

Construction scheduled by the airport and airport businesses will contribute over 80 jobs with \$4.5M in wages in 2019. Projects include a new Customs & Border Patrol building, Runway 12/30 safety upgrades and construction for residential sound improvement.

“Chicago Executive Airport is an economic engine for the entire region,” said Court Harris, chairman of Chicago Executive’s board of directors. “Our airport businesses offer high-paying jobs from entry level to top management. Interest in our Aviation Academy training program has been overwhelming. We offer a service to our local companies, generate tax revenue for our local governments and school districts, and provide customers to local businesses.”

CEA accommodates about 80,000 flights per year for private airplanes, charters, corporate airplanes, emergency relief and humanitarian flights. It is one of the busiest ‘reliever’ airports in the country. “Relievers” accommodate corporate and general aviation to alleviate air traffic at commercial air passenger airports, specifically O’Hare and Midway. The airport is an intergovernmental cooperative of the City of Prospect Heights and the Village of Wheeling. It remains financially self-sustaining with significant economic impacts.

The full report and summary flyer are available on Chicago Executive Airports web site www.chiexec.com.

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Chicago Executive is one of the area’s top reliever airports for Chicago O’Hare International (ORD), accepting some 80,000 corporate, charter and light recreational aircraft, annually. Without a network of reliever airports around major cities, congestion at the large airports would increase significantly. Located just 10 miles north of ORD, Chicago Executive Airport is jointly owned by the City of Prospect Heights and the Village of Wheeling IL. Visit us at chiexec.com for additional information. **NOTE:** High-resolution photos of airport operations are available upon request.

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