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© The Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority took ownership of the former Newark AFB in October 1996, becoming the first Privatization in Place in Air Force history. The facility was renamed the Central Ohio Aerospace and Technology Center (COATC) but still remains “The Base” locally.

© The Port Authority has a three-fold mission to manage and operate the former base, to develop and expand the COATC, and to help grow all of Licking County.

© COATC brags the presence of *Fortune 100* companies, high tech companies, and small businesses. It’s concentration and impact make it among the top five largest concentrations of the aerospace and defense industry in Ohio. COATC is home to Boeing, Bionetics, AFMETCAL, Atlantic Inertial Systems, and others doing what the Air Force once did, and more.

© Combined, the public and private partners at the COATC employ over 900 with a payroll over \$55 million. The annual economic impact is estimated at over \$200 million.

© The Port Authority purchased additional land in 2002 and began efforts at growing from the original 57-acre base to a 350-acre business campus. The efforts attracted a steel fabrication manufacturer, Canadian-based Samuel Manu-Tech, to invest in a new \$14 million state--of-the-art facility that opened in 2007. The COATC ranks as the 13th largest industrial park in Central Ohio according to *Business First*.

© Just like government-operated workloads at Wright-Patt, NASA-Glenn, and DSCC, The Base remains dependent on federal government funding and contracts. In both 2006 and 2007, companies at the facility have had to call on Ohio’s congressional delegation for support to fight to sustain their operations.