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## **STUDY HIGHLIGHTS ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF WAUKESHA COUNTY AIRPORT**

WAUKESHA, Wis. – According to a recent economic impact study, Waukesha County Airport, also known as Crites Field, provides nearly \$81 million in economic output to the Waukesha County economy. Additional details of the study, complete in 2009 through a partnership with Carroll University, will be presented at this evening’s Waukesha County Board meeting. The finding will be a portion of the Airport’s Annual Report delivered by Airport Manager Keith Markano.

The study found that the airport is responsible for over 900 jobs in Wisconsin, both directly or indirectly. Directly, the airport provides over \$10 million in payroll and over \$42 million in direct sales. In total, the airport provides over \$20.7 million dollars in wages and salary and over \$74 million in sales for the state of Wisconsin.

Annually, hangar owners contribute over \$345,000 in personal property taxes and the Airport generates nearly \$350,000 in sales tax revenue from fuel sales. Waukesha County supports the airport with \$192,000 in tax levy resulting in a direct return on investment of over 350%.

“Stated in terms of dollars,” said Airport Manager Keith Markano, “each dollar invested in the airport results in \$3.50 returned to taxpayers in addition to the over \$81 million economic impact.”

Last week, the Waukesha County Airport celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

“The Waukesha County Airport is an incredibly important asset to Waukesha County and vital to future economic development in the County,” said County Executive Dan Vrakas at the event. “It is truly a jewel of the County.”

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