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All of the news that affects the students at Alpena Community College

Possible Economic development

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Alpena county officials recently submitted a plan for a possible tanker manufacturing facility for the regional airport.

All the sites in Michigan gathered information for the Boeing 7E7 project were asked to consider a request by the Staubach Company, the site consultant for EADS North America, or Airbus, who will be seeking a location to assemble the massive airplanes if it is a recipient of the U.S. government project.

EADS North America is the world's largest aerospace and defense company. It was incorporated in 2002 and the subsidiaries of EADS in the U.S. were integrated into EADS-NA in May 2003. The company brings an array of advanced products and services to meet the needs of commercial and government customers in the aerospace, defense, and homeland security markets. EADS-NA's commitment to customers complements their emphasis on expanding investment in the United States.

EADS' strategy is to integrate U.S. activities to achieve maximum presence. It would build on the county's capabilities by consolidation, investment, and acquisition.

With leverage like that the strengths to the U.S. customers will prove very valuable. EADS North America has a value based solution to meet the needs of the Air Force to develop the industrial capability to be a meaningful contributor to America's national security.

Alpena County Board of Commissioners chairman Len Zolnieriek stated this is an exciting opportunity for economic development. Airbus is not currently located in the U.S. and it may be an advantage.

The same group of people assembled to work on the Boeing project will pitch Alpena to Airbus. County Coordinator Jim Peltier will again chair project.

"It would create initial stages of the first phase on to produce \$39 million in payroll revenue to the community and services," said Peltier, explaining how the project would be significant for the development of Alpena. "If you take \$39 million in today's Alpena paper it will have a \$200 million impact annually. It would be a \$400 million a year annual impact in the economy within sixty miles of this plan.

The same location suggested for the Boeing project, located in Wilson

Township to the east of the runway at Alpena County Regional Airport, will be submitted. Water and other utilities would be supplied by Alpena Township.

The ability to use the airport runway, airspace and the fire suppression capabilities available are bonuses Alpena can offer. Airbus's main concern is transportation right now. Peltier said the parts for the plane will be built in Europe and how easily they can be brought here to be assembled. The majority of their U.S. suppliers ship their parts directly to the site by rail or road. The only exceptions are overly sized parts.

The total square footage of the buildings will be approximately 1.5 million square feet; the ramp space requirement will add an additional one million feet. The minimum site requirement would be the range of 75-100 acres. The maximum size would depend on site usability, setbacks, zoning and building requirements and other factors will all be location dependent.

The Boeing 7E7 project was a new long range, but smaller aircraft that Boeing has made. The project is now the 787 series was designed to make state government where they have the most assets, but where they cost



Alpena County Regional Airport as shown from above. Plans to build a tanker facility at the site could greatly benefit the Alpena area (photo courtesy www.alpenacounty.org)

to do their business. It's designed to go from city to city going across the continent. The project is in this state through \$400 million in incentives to get those jobs here. In the state of Washington, where Boeing's bigger production facilities are stayed through \$3.2 billion. Most of the incentive went to reducing their workman's compensation cost in all their facilities.

The Boeing American Company can get in concessions to operate their operations anywhere in the country. It was an economic issue and it saved them \$3.2 billion, however, they still laid off 37,000 people. The company also had a plant that was closed and reactivated

their assets so they wouldn't have to reinvest in it. They put their money in their engineering design and production to come up with a product that would need to eliminate the use of water. The proposed facility would be smaller than the Boeing project and Alpena's runway would have to be expanded. "This runway is 9,000 feet which meets the best requirement for Boeing and Airbus," commented Peltier. "They would extend it so we could get it up to 1,500 more feet overall we would end up with a 10,500 runway."

City manager Alan Bakalawski noted a lot of the main infrastructure for such a project is already in place. Bakalawski said by 2006

Alpena would have approximately 150 employees in the engineering facility.

Peltier believes this new venture will bring more jobs to the Alpena community. "In full production there will be 1,150 more jobs created at this site," he explained. "There would be 470 professional and 680

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Students travel to Washington D.C.

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Twenty-five Alpena Community College students were able to take part in the experience of a lifetime from January 20-23. After months of planning, students, along with Dave Eger and his wife Mona, traveled to Washington D.C. and were able to witness first-hand the inauguration of President George W. Bush. Also, while in the Capitol, the students visited the White House, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Museum, Ford's Theater and Arlington National Cemetery.

According to many of the students who took part in the



ACC students were able to witness the inauguration of President George W. Bush (photo courtesy Jessica Slominski)

trip, the Inauguration was the highlight of the trip. With considerable help from Representative Bart Stupak's Alpena and Washington D.C. branches, the group was able to get tickets in the second

section away from the Capitol. Stupak also arranged a guided tour of the Pentagon and the White House, another unforgettable event. "The Inauguration was

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KBD holds annual induction

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Kappa Beta Delta, a Business, Management and Administration Honors society inducted twenty-nine new students into this years class roster.

To be selected for membership, you must rank in the top 20 percent of your

class, and be majoring in Business, Management, or Administration. Linda Suneson, Co-Advisor for KBD, discussed the importance that members must possess to be qualified for membership. Trustworthy, genuineness, and show a high level of excellence fall among

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Check out Northwood

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For those of you looking for a little more from your community college experience, be sure to look into Northwood University. Northwood is new to ACC's campus, and is now offering

courses in the Business and Accounting field. Their goal is to help students work toward bachelor degrees in business and accounting through a private and interactive class environment. Northwood University is a

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