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**SENATOR LEHNER APPLAUDS WRIGHT STATE'S NEW WORKFORCE
EXPANSION EFFORT**

COLUMBUS – Wright State University has announced a renewed industry partnership that will create 250 jobs related to Ohio's aerospace and defense workforce. The new investment is a direct result of the \$11.4 million rewarded in July to the Wright State Research Institute's Defense Aerospace Graduate Studies Institute.

Various partners will work together in this job creation endeavour. Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC) has committed itself to creating 100 new jobs while Radiance Technologies and WSRI are both planning to contribute another 50 jobs each. Additional consortia members will round out the group and are expected to combine for an additional 50 new jobs.

Senator Peggy Lehner (R – Kettering) played a key role in securing the funding for this project in the new biennial budget which was signed by Governor John Kasich in June. Lehner recently touted the commitment of these various companies, as well as the ongoing work of WSU.

“Innovation and sound investment are the keys needed to drive a rebounding economy,” said Lehner. “Wright State and the companies involved are proven job creators and innovators, and I can think of no wiser investment that can be made in the ongoing effort to create jobs in Ohio. I look forward to continuing my support and advocacy on behalf of the aerospace and defense industries.”

Joining Lehner in advocating for the original \$11.4 million economic development funding were State Senators Bill Beagle (R – Tipp City), Shannon Jones (R – Springboro) and Chris Widener (R – Springfield), as well as Chancellor Jim Petro and the Ohio Board of Regents.