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Various Quotes from Team Mobile Members on Airbus Selecting Mobile

ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY

Jimmy Lyons, Director / Chief Executive Officer

Alabama State Port Authority

“This is a great day, and one we’ve all worked over seven years to achieve. We are extremely pleased by the jobs and business expansion possibilities Airbus will bring to our region. Not only will Mobile gain a company of the highest quality, but throughout this process, we’ve come to know well many individuals from both Airbus and EADS, all of whom will be fine neighbors and great corporate citizens. We look forward to working with Airbus in the many years to come.”

CITY OF MOBILE

Mayor Sam Jones

“It has been a long road, a lot of work, but we’re elated to bring this project to reality in Mobile. Mobile has a winning team – city, county, state, national and business leaders who has put a lot of equity in this project. Their efforts have resulted in a victory for our city today and well into the future. We are certainly a city where our potentials are great and definitely limitless.”

Mobile City Council Member Fred Richardson (District 1)

“Seldom has any generation, in their lifetime, been faced with the prospect of a single event, so profound, that it will change the course of history. This profound prospect has now materialized in Mobile, in that EADS has again selected our city to build, not fuel tankers, but the next generation of the state-of-the-art commercial air planes.

Surely this single history making event will change the economic dynamics of our city and region for the rest of this century. Mobile is taking its proper place among only two other great cities in the world, with the coming of EADS. We may very well be the only city to build ships and airplanes.”

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Mobile City Councilmember William Carroll (District 2)

“No longer do we have to say... didn’t we almost have it all! After all we are announcing today the culmination of years of hard work and cooperation among the city of Mobile, the state of Alabama, and companies like Airbus from around the globe. I am proud of the dedication that we have put into this, and I look forward to our citizens reaping the benefits of an increase job market. Our community deserves a victory like this.”

Mobile City Councilmember Jermaine Burrell (District 3)

“We have long known that Brookley Aeroplex would offer the amenities to help a wise company grow, and that it would provide an incubator for jobs throughout our community. This announcement by Airbus has taken that knowledge and turned it into a magnificent reality. This real, tangible accomplishment for our area is a validation of our efforts, and the realization that our hard work continues to pay off.”

Mobile City Councilmember John Williams (District 4)

“What great news for the people of Mobile...no doubt, our workforce will provide the world the quality product it needs to meet the global demands of the future.”

Mobile City Council President Reggie Copeland (District 5)

“As we begin to celebrate our Independence Day, this great announcement, will be heard around the world! Thanks to those who worked so hard in securing this for our city and for Alabama.”

Mobile City Councilmember Bess Rich (District 6)

“It is a pleasure to welcome EADS/Airbus into the fabric of our community. All Mobilians embrace their vision to build the A320, and we will be committed to insuring the success and well-being of this endeavor for years to come. Congratulations to everyone who worked diligently to see that the newest generation when it comes to commercial airline travel will be produced in the great city of Mobile, Alabama.”

Mobile City Councilmember Gina Gregory (District 7)

“Today is a victory not just for Mobile but for the state of Alabama. Landing this contract to bring Airbus to Mobile reinforces our identity as an emerging aerospace hub. Our success in recruiting this major contract and others like it is due to the team effort Mobile and the state of Alabama are recognized for. Congratulations to everyone, this is huge.”

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF MOBILE

Johnnie Robinson, President

Industrial Development Board for the City of Mobile (local incentives authority)

“The Industrial Development Board (IDB) is pleased to partner with all of the entities involved to bring this major project to Mobile. Airbus will create additional higher paying jobs that will help increase the quality of life for the citizens of Mobile and the area. This type of project aligns itself perfectly with the mission of the IDB.”

MOBILE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Bill Sisson, Executive Director

Mobile Airport Authority

“Today’s announcement is tremendous news for this region. The old saying that good things come to those who wait has new meaning to our community. We are thrilled that Airbus has decided to expand its footprint at Brookley, and we welcome that growth with open arms.”

MOBILE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Win Hallett, President

Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

“The Mobile community has worked diligently over the past 10 years to convince companies in the aerospace sector that Mobile is the optimum American venue in which to manufacture airplanes profitably.

Mobile has a skilled, dedicated and productive workforce – ask Austal, ST Aerospace, ThyssenKrupp, C&G Boat Works, SSAB, BAE Systems, Aker Solutions, Evonik Degussa, or USA Mitchell Cancer Institute.

Our quality of life is exceptional, with outstanding recreational resources and the fourth largest watershed in the United States. Mobile boasts an active cultural community with numerous art museums, symphony, ballet, and opera offerings. Our 300 years of history can be seen in our magnificent architecture. Above all, our people are our most important asset. They work hard, are very friendly *and* they play well with others, both domestically and internationally. Besides these attributes, Mobile has some of the finest

infrastructure found anywhere, including five class-one railroads, two airports, a deep water port and two intersecting interstates.”

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**Troy Wayman, Vice President of Economic Development
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce**

“This project is transformative for the entire Mobile area. To have the world’s largest airplane manufacturer select Mobile for its flagship final assembly line in North America speaks volumes about the Mobile team and the confidence Airbus has in our workforce and our ability to deliver. We have always been the geographical center of the Gulf Coast aerospace corridor, now we can boast that we are the manufacturing center as well.”

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood (District 1)

“This is a perfect fit with the companies, training centers, and aviation schools we already have at Brookley. We anticipate many suppliers will locate in the county. We hope to have a thriving aerospace industry for decades to come.”

Connie Hudson, President (District 2)

Mobile County Commission

“This is a real game changer for Mobile County and the whole region. Mobile joins very select company as one of just a few communities in the world capable of manufacturing high-tech, large commercial aircraft. We couldn't be more proud of this development, more thankful to Airbus for their partnership, or more excited for the future.”

Mobile County Commissioner Mike Dean (District 3)

“We never gave up on EADS and Airbus. The company saw our commitment and how badly we wanted to develop our aerospace industry. Even after we lost tanker we went back to EADS and said you need to be assembling planes in Mobile.”