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Gov. Kemp: StandardAero Expands Footprint at Augusta Regional Airport

Governor Brian P. Kemp today announced that StandardAero, a leading provider of business aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services, began work on a \$33 million expansion of their operations in Augusta. The expansion will create 90 new jobs in Richmond County.

"As a leader in both logistics and the aerospace industry, Georgia is proud to congratulate StandardAero on this expansion," said Governor Brian Kemp. "Our state was ranked as a top five exporter of aerospace products in the U.S. in 2023 and looks forward to working with StandardAero and the rest of Georgia's aerospace industry to maintain that success."

Operating in Augusta since 1974, StandardAero currently supports more than 170 jobs in the area. Approximately 425 aircraft and 500 turbine aircraft engines undergo MRO service each year at the facility. "The new facility will add over 60 percent of new space to our existing footprint," said Chris Bodine, Vice President, and General Manager of StandardAero's Augusta facility. "The current facility was built in the 1970s, when aircraft were a lot smaller. The new facility will allow us to support additional super mid-size to large cabin aircraft for airframe and avionics while also significantly expanding our engine shop to further support many of those aircraft."

"We are very thankful to the Augusta Regional Airport, City of Augusta, and the State of Georgia for their generous outreach and support for building this new facility," said Tony Brancato, President of StandardAero Business Aviation. "The expansion will allow us to work on larger Dassault Falcon, Gulfstream, and Bombardier aircraft and also meet the rapidly growing MRO needs of HTF7000 series engine operators."

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Five Steps for Reducing Stress on and off the Jobsite

Workplace stress is a reality in any industry, and construction is no different. However, there are ways both for individuals to reduce their stress and for leaders to create a less stressful work environment.

Stress is a completely natural human experience. It is the body's way of responding to short-term challenges and threats in daily life. Millennia ago, it equipped humans to properly react to dangers such as predators, competitors, and life-threatening situations. Without stress, it's very possible our species would not have survived as long as it has. And while stress is still a necessary part of survival today, most of us are (hopefully) not facing regular attacks from bears or wondering if there are enough provisions to survive the winter months. Those are short-term stresses—the difference between life and death. The problem comes when our minds today make us feel like we're constantly facing life-threatening situations or are experiencing stress for long periods of time, leading to acute or chronic stress.

The stresses many of us experience today are vastly different from what our ancient ancestors were forced to deal with, but still our bodies react the same. On the construction site, there are certainly potentially hazardous situations, and stress helps workers in those situations stay safe. Seeing a colleague at risk for a slip-and-fall may cause stress and help others quicken their reactions to assist them. Experiencing stress when in a hazardous area ensures workers are alert and mindful of every step and maneuver.

However, too much stress or unnecessary stress can actually distract workers and put both their physical health and mental health at greater risk.

STRESS ONSITE

On a jobsite, the most common causes of stress are being overworked, having unrealistic deadlines, performing physically dangerous or demanding tasks, lack of communication, poor work culture or environment and improper training. Additionally, there are often other stressors that workers bring to the construction site from home or from their personal lives that seep into work life.

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The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on GDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.

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(more details coming soon)**



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