



## **Stockton Trustees Approve Agreement with Aviation Research and Technology Park**

ARTP Becoming College Auxiliary Organization to Advance Development

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**Galloway, NJ** – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Board of Trustees today authorized an agreement making the Aviation Research and Technology Park in Egg Harbor Township an auxiliary organization of the college, an important step in developing a facility expected to generate research and more than 2,000 high-paying jobs related to the FAA's Next Gen project.

The ARTP is a non-profit charged with developing a facility on 58 acres owned by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The college will be the lead agency in developing the park for aviation-related educational programs and research and would assign development and management responsibilities to the ARTP.

"The college's backing provides the Aviation Research and Technology Park with a sense of stability that will enable this important project to move forward," said President Herman Saatkamp. "With Stockton's support, the park can advance the aviation sciences as Stockton develops aviation-related educational programs and research."

"The Master Management Agreement that establishes the Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park (ARTP) as an auxiliary organization of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey creates a tremendous opportunity for the park's development," said Ronald J. Esposito, executive director of the ARTP.

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“This is an important step in obtaining FAA approval of the assignment of the lease agreement to the Stockton ARTP,” Esposito said. The lease had been held by the South Jersey Economic Development District, an agency which is no longer involved with developing the ARTP.

Establishing a college auxiliary organization is authorized by the state law known as the Public College Auxiliary Organization Act.

Dr. Edward H. Salmon, board president of the Aviation Research & Technology Park, Inc., and President Saatkamp signed the agreement after its approval by the college trustees.

The goal is for the Stockton ARTP to develop 400,000 square feet of office space and to attract various commercial, governmental and academic organizations to pursue research and development regarding aviation issues. Development at the site is subject to FAA approval.

The ARTP received an initial grant from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) for \$930,000 for operating expenses and a \$3 million commitment from CRDA for a loan/grant for construction of the federal laboratory in the first office building in the research park.

Stockton has supported the ARTP since its inception, with President Saatkamp serving on its board as the first president.

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Caption: From left, Ronald J. Esposito, executive director of the Aviation Research Technology Park (ARTP) participates as Dr. Edward H. Salmon, president of the ARTP Board of Trustees, and Stockton President Herman Saatkamp sign an agreement making the ARTP an auxiliary organization of the college at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey’s Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 18.

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Caption: Dr. Edward H. Salmon, president of the Aviation Research Technology Park Board of Trustees, and Stockton President Herman Saatkamp shake hands after signing an agreement making the ARTP an auxiliary organization of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey at the college’s Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 18.

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