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## **Stevens Aerospace Announces Relocation to Facility in Smyrna**

(Smyrna, TN) – Stevens Aerospace and Defense Systems, one of America’s most accomplished companies engaged in maintenance, repair and overhaul of private and government aircraft, is relocating its operation to Smyrna Airport. Moving from Nashville International Airport, Stevens will become a part of the Hollingshead Aviation FBO campus with a 30,000 sq. ft hangar and room to grow.

“The Smyrna Airport offers ample room for growth and easy access to the attractions around downtown Nashville, as well as an airport leadership team that encourages and understands business,” said Stevens president Christian Sasfai.

Stevens Aerospace will relocate 75 jobs from Nashville to Smyrna, and will add 30 new jobs initially with the intention of growing its workforce.

“I’d like to thank Stevens Aerospace for its commitment to expand its operation in Middle Tennessee and create 30 jobs,” said Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe. “As our economy goes through significant disruptions, it’s even more vital for us to support private investment and job creation, which can help Tennessee rebound.”

“The Town of Smyrna is pleased to welcome Stevens Aerospace and Defense Systems to our community,” shared Smyrna Mayor Mary Esther Reed. “Smyrna is a vibrant, growing community with a rich history in aviation. We are grateful Stevens Aerospace will become part of that history.”

Stevens’ move brings them closer to MTSU, which has an award-winning aerospace program with numerous concentrations aligned to develop talent in the fast-growing subsectors of aviation.

“Aerospace and aviation are target industries in Rutherford County’s economic development strategy,” said Destination Rutherford Chairman Bill Jones. “This announcement speaks to our great business climate for the aviation and aerospace industry, even in a time of uncertainty.”

### *About Stevens Aerospace and Defense Systems:*

Stevens Aerospace and Defense Systems (“Stevens”) provides MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) services on a wide range of aircraft produced by manufacturers such as Textron, Bombardier, Gulfstream, Pilatus, Dassault, and Embraer. Stevens is a provider of depot level aircraft maintenance, refurbishment, and modification for federal, state, and local governments. All Stevens locations hold FAR Part 145 repair station certificates. GYH, MCN, and BNA also hold DGAC certification. GYH holds EASA certification and also conforms to ISO9001: 2015, AS9110C, DCMA 8210.1C guidelines. Stevens presently operates facilities in Greenville, SC (GYH), Dayton, OH (DAY), Nashville, TN (BNA), and Macon, GA (MCN), as well as a 24 hour/365-day AOG (aircraft on ground) mobile maintenance division.

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