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Employees, customer representatives, and community dignitaries joined together on Aug. 29 for ceremonies celebrating the transition of the Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS)-Electronic Support Measures (ESM) Radio Frequency Antennae System workload from Corinth, Texas, to Heath, Ohio.

The repair of ESM radar antennas and spares build is performed at the Heath site. The workload was transitioned to Heath after the former non-Boeing occupant at the Corinth location announced it would vacate the building.

Support for the \$4.4 million project was obtained through the efforts of the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority (owner of the Heath site building) and the State of Ohio's Department of Development which supplied funding and loans.

"This is the finest example of a public-private partnership," Ohio Lt. Gov. Bruce Johnson said during the ribbon cutting ceremony. "We're here to do whatever we can do for the people of Heath." Johnson is also the director of the Ohio Department of Development.

"Boeing is a successful company because its strategy is focused on customers and long-term growth and value," said Rick Baily, vice president of C³ Networks. "The AWACS-ESM transition provides our Heath facility with growth opportunities because of the importance of AWACS as a superior military battle command system for our warfighters."

The project included the construction of an 800-square-foot anechoic chamber and remodeling to accommodate the 15,000-square-feet necessary for ESM repairs and spares build from Texas to Ohio.

"AWACS-ESM is not only expanding our business by providing more work and improving our labor base," said Heath Center Director Mike Emmelhainz. "It also offers us growth potential for the future. Future growth is the key to keeping down our costs which ultimately benefits the military customer."

Approximately 20 Texas employees made the move to Ohio.