

# CIRRUS AIRCRAFT CELEBRATED ITS INNOVATION CENTER GRAND OPENING IN DULUTH

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**Cirrus Aircraft announced the grand opening of its Innovation Center located at its headquarters at the Duluth International Airport (KDLH) in Minnesota. The Innovation Center is dedicated to the development of the next-generation innovation that supports Cirrus Aircraft's products and services while preserving the mission they serve and making personal aviation more approachable.**

Cirrus Aircraft has provided significant investment to transform the 189,000-square-foot building on 39 acres into a state-of-the-art Innovation Center. Innovation Center capabilities include a larger and more capable Material and Processes Lab, a new Integration Test Lab, an upgraded Advanced Design & Development Lab, and new environmental equipment and testing capabilities as well as significant floor space increase for development and testing. Additionally, the Innovation Center features flexible and collaborative workspaces and amenities to provide an optimal team environment.

Ken Harness, Senior Vice President of Product Development of Cirrus Aircraft, commented: "These new facilities and capabilities enable our engineers, technicians and researchers to more

rapidly design, develop and certify our next generation of Cirrus products in a connected, synergetic environment"

Zean Nielsen, Chief Executive Officer of Cirrus Aircraft, said: "The Innovation Center is an incredible company milestone that supports the future development and endeavors of Cirrus Aircraft product development. We are continuing to invest in the company and the City of Duluth with the Innovation Center opening. We have worked closely with our partners to renovate the building and hire more engineers and technicians to join the new facility in Duluth."

Over thirty engineers and technicians have been added since 2022, now exceeding 300 people at the Innovation Center.

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