



SAWDC AVIATION CLUSTER LEADERSHIP TRIP

Dates: March 22-24, 2017

Location: Wichita, KS

Attire: Business (except for the dinner on Wednesday night, which is casual)

**Please note to wear comfortable closed-toed shoes for the tours*

Weather: <https://weather.com/weather/today/l/USKS0620:1:US>

Transportation to/from Airport:

March 21st Arrival – Transportation will be provided

March 22nd Arrival – Paul H. will meet you at baggage claim with **TRANSPORTATION** to the Hotel (Delta 10:55AM flight)

Hotel: Marriott Courtyard Wichita E. 2975 N. Webb Rd., Wichita, KS (316) 636-4600

**Please note I have requested an early check-in*

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Day One Wednesday, March 22nd:

12:00 PM Box lunches provided in the lobby of Hotel

12:30 PM Meet in Hotel lobby and leave for Innovation Campus at Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS

1:00 PM **Innovation Campus at Wichita State University – Synergistic partnership between
a public university and private sector aviation employers**

Presenters:

- John O’Leary, Vice President, Airbus Americas Engineering
- Keith Lawing, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
- Amanda Duncan, Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas / PACES Site Director
- Tom Aldag, Director of Research & Development, National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) at WSU

The Innovation Campus is made up of an organized community of partnership buildings. The main benefit is that the campus allows private sector employers to centrally locate their operations to utilize the university’s vast resources and laboratories giving students access to real-world applications and the training needed to effortlessly assimilate into the workforce.

2:00 PM **Tour of Airbus Americas Engineering and WSU Experiential Engineering Buildings
@ Innovation Campus at WSU**



3:30 PM

PACES – an Aviation Industry Partnership (Cluster) Model

Presenters:

- Keith Lawing, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
- Amanda Duncan, Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas / PACES Site Director

PACES (Preparation for Advanced Career Employment System) a strategy under the WIOA program that works to prepare central Kansas' manufacturing and aviation workforce by investing in high demand skills and working with local employers to prepare individuals for work in manufacturing and aviation. PACES is funded through a regional funding collaborative of local philanthropy working together to strengthen and expand workforce partnerships in the region. The mission of PACES is to create a more accessible and flexible employment and training system to move both unemployed and underemployed workers into high-demand and high-skill careers in the aviation, health care, and advanced manufacturing industries.

4:30 PM

Return to Hotel

6:00 PM

Meet in Hotel lobby for Dinner (Casual Attire)

6:30 PM

Dinner at **Red Rock Canyon & Grill** 1844 N. Rock Rd. Wichita (316) 636-1844

Day Two

Thursday, March 23rd:

7:00 AM

Breakfast on your own

7:30 AM

Depart Hotel for **Spirit Aerosystems**

8:00 AM

Deepened Employer Engagement: Spirit AeroSystems Leadership Role

3801 S. Oliver Str., Wichita, KS

Presenters:

- Brian Black, Global Leadership Development & Diversity Strategist
- Spirit AeroSystems / Private Sector Chair of PACES
- Keith Lawing, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
- Amanda Duncan, Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas / PACES Site Director

9:00 AM

Tour of Spirit AeroSystems – the tour will consist of two lines; the 737 production line (43 fuselages produced per month, shipped by train to Seattle for final assembly) as well as the 787 finish line (10 produced per month), where the final components are added before shipped via Dreamlifter to Seattle.



10:00 AM Depart for [Wichita Area Technical College \(WATC\)](#)

10:30 AM **Maximizing Student Success From Secondary to Postsecondary to Career**
Presenters:

- Jim Hall, Dean Aviation Technologies, WATC
- Sheree Utash, President, WATC
- Keith Lawing, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
- Tim Welsh, Executive Director, National Center for Aviation Training

Regional stakeholders are focused on meeting the needs of the customer, business and industry, by developing key partnership with secondary, postsecondary, and the public workforce system. WATC, the recognized leader in providing affordable higher education and industry-driven career and technical training, has just established the [National Center for Aviation Training](#) (NCAT) – a multi-county effort with the goal of offering aviation employers direct access to a pool of qualified candidates. To tie in secondary, the [Regional Manufacturing Council on Technical Education](#) was established in 2013 as an arm of the high schools working directly with WATC to raise awareness among teachers and parents about the variety of high paying careers in the manufacturing industry.

11:30 AM **Tour of Wichita Area Technical College / NCAT**

12:30 PM Lunch on your own (there is a café at the NCAT)

2:00 PM NCAT *Best Practices Forum on Talent Planning Management* Begins

6:00PM Networking Reception and Dinner at the NCAT Aircraft Hangar Area

Day Three Friday, March 24th:

7:00 AM Checkout and meet in Hotel lobby for transport to the NCAT

7:00 AM Networking Breakfast

8:15 AM *NCAT Applying Best Practices on Talent Planning Forum* Begins

Departure:

3:04 Flight

1:30 PM Transportation provided to Airport from the NCAT

5:27 Flight

4:00 PM Transportation provided to Airport from the NCAT