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Press Release

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CRDA SUPPORTS NEXTGEN AVIATION RESEARCH PARK

ATLANTIC CITY – The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority today granted a Preliminary Determination of Project Eligibility to the NextGen Aviation Research and Technology Park Project (ARTP), to be located at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) William J. Hughes Technical Center in Pomona. This designation will allow the NextGen ARTP to be considered for funding by the CRDA in the future.

The NextGen ARTP will be the center for cutting-edge research in avionics, including improving the safety and efficiency of air travel through new air traffic control systems. That means helping find ways for airplanes to move more directly and safely through the sky, reducing delays, and improving fuel efficiency.

The NextGen Aviation Research and Technology Park is the result of local efforts by the Atlantic County government and its Improvement Authority, the South Jersey Economic Development District and the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo has worked in the Congress and with federal agencies, including the FAA, to secure grants that have funded a feasibility report and preliminary planning and design work for the NextGen ARTP.

Currently, the CRDA is collaborating on the Aviation Research and Technology Park with the NJ Economic Development Authority, the FAA Technical Center, the Richard Stockton College, the Atlantic County Executive, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, the South Jersey Transportation Authority and the South Jersey Economic Development District.

“CRDA is pleased to be a part of this regional economic development strategy to build on the excellence of the William J. Hughes Technical Center to both promote advances in avionics and to promote the creation of high-skilled, high-paying jobs,” stated Thomas D. Carver, Esq, Executive Director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

At the recent South Jersey Economic Development Forum, Governor Jon S. Corzine called the Tech Park, “a tremendous asset for future growth.”

With NextGen as the catalyst, the 400,000 square foot Aviation Research and Technology Park will bring significant private investment, and approximately 2,000 new jobs in addition to the 3,000 employees working at or in support of the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

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