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**ADB SAFEGATE to Open 175,000-Square-Foot First-Of-Its-Kind Center of Innovation in Gahanna, Ohio**

**Columbus, Ohio** – ADB SAFEGATE, a leading provider of solutions that boost efficiency, improve safety, raise environmental sustainability and reduce operational costs for airports and airlines worldwide, has announced plans to establish a new Center of Innovation in the Columbus Region. The company will expand its presence in Gahanna, Ohio, investing \$1.5 million and creating 24 new jobs. Hiring for engineering, production and other roles will begin in 2022.

ADB SAFEGATE plans to build a new 175,000-square-foot facility at the corner of Science Boulevard and Tech Center Drive in Gahanna. The company's investment will be put toward technologically advanced machinery and equipment. In addition to accommodating expanded production and warehouse operations, the new Center of Innovation will be utilized as a training facility for North American operations and function as a showcase for customers, suppliers and business partners.

"Expanding into a new world-class facility in Gahanna is critical to our continued growth and keeping our talent pool closely concentrated will spur collaboration and teamwork," said ADB SAFEGATE Global COO/ EVP Airfield/ CEO Americas Joe Pokoj. "This Center of Innovation will allow us to continue pursuing new advancements in aviation technology with the support of the Region's skilled talent pool and in close proximity to key assets such as John Glenn International Airport."

Founded in Belgium in 1920 as ADB, ADB SAFEGATE has grown into a global brand with a significant business footprint in Ohio, Belgium, Sweden and China. With intelligent solutions spanning the airside for gate, airfield, tower and service, the company partners with airports and airlines worldwide to increase airport performance, from approach to departure. It began operations in Gahanna in 1983 and its current operations in the Columbus Region are staffed by 202 full-time employees.

"ADB SAFEGATE has been a premier employer and valued partner in the City of Gahanna for nearly four decades," said City of Gahanna Mayor Laurie Jadwin. "Their investment in the new Center of Innovation not only strengthens ADB SAFEGATE's presence in the aerospace industry, but also solidifies Gahanna's support of ongoing regional growth in the valued research and development sector. As our city grows, and employers choose to grow in Gahanna, we will look to drive opportunities in STEM-focused careers through our partnerships with both Gahanna Jefferson Schools and ADB SAFEGATE to support these critical workforce opportunities."

The Columbus Region's aerospace industry benefits from its deep history in engineering, manufacturing and technical trades, as well as a strong tech sector buoyed by leading STEM training programs. The Region provides a steady pipeline of young talent, including numerous career and technical training centers that provide the training and skills needed to succeed in these modern industries. Gahanna is located in Franklin County, which is home to an estimated 1,323,807 residents.

"ADB SAFEGATE continues to expand its global business in the Columbus Region, creating job opportunities for Ohioans while preparing the company for years of future growth," said JobsOhio President and CEO J.P. Nauseef. "The new Center of Innovation will help ADB SAFEGATE recruit and retain talent that will play an essential role as the company advances safety and efficiencies at airports worldwide."

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**About ADB SAFEGATE**

ADB SAFEGATE provides integrated solutions that raise efficiency, improve safety, boost environmental sustainability and reduce operational costs for airports, airlines and ANSPs. The company works with airports and airlines to solve operational bottlenecks, helping them navigate today's challenges and prepare for tomorrow. With over 1,200 employees, ADB SAFEGATE serves over 2,500 airports in more than 175 countries, from the busiest and largest like Atlanta, Beijing, Dubai, Heathrow, Charles De Gaulle, Frankfurt, Istanbul, New Delhi and Changi to fast-growing airports across Asia and Africa. For more information, please visit [adbsafegate.com](http://adbsafegate.com).

**About City of Gahanna, Ohio**

Named one of the 'Best Hometowns' by Ohio Magazine, Gahanna offers 750+ acres of parkland, vibrant neighborhoods, opportunities for business growth and more. Rich in heritage and diversity, Gahanna offers a friendly environment, unique historic attractions, high-quality restaurants and accommodations, eclectic shopping destinations and expansive green space. Only eight miles from downtown Columbus and minutes away from the Columbus International Airport, Gahanna is a choice location for business and leisure. With a strong emphasis on community, family and fun, Gahanna offers a wide variety of seasonal and special events. Learn more at [gahanna.gov](http://gahanna.gov).

**About JobsOhio**

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at [www.jobsohio.com](http://www.jobsohio.com). Follow the company on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

**About One Columbus**

As the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region, One Columbus' mission is to lead a comprehensive regional growth strategy that develops and attracts the world's most competitive companies, grows a highly adaptive workforce, prepares our communities for the future, and inspires corporate, academic and public innovation throughout the Columbus Region. One Columbus expertly guides companies through the location decision process. Through strategic business outreach and customized research, the One Columbus team leverages public, private and institutional partnerships to grow the Columbus Region's economy and strengthen its national and international competitiveness. Funding is received from more than 300 private organizations, local governments, academic institutions and JobsOhio. Learn more at [ColumbusRegion.com](http://ColumbusRegion.com).

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