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First Tenant Embry Riddle Lands in Brunswick

BRUNSWICK - Governor John E. Baldacci today announced that the redeveloped Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB) has its first tenant. The Governor said that Embry Riddle Aeronautical University plans to establish a permanent campus location in Brunswick following the closure of the Naval Air Station. The event took place at the old Brunswick High School in Brunswick.

“The closure of NASB will greatly affect the residents of the Midcoast,” stated Governor Baldacci. “It is important to have a highly trained workforce available to potential businesses. To have an institution of Embry Riddle’s caliber commit to the region is an enormous contribution to workforce development.”



Governor Baldacci announces first public tenant to commit to locating at NASB once the base closes



Charlie Whitten speaks on behalf of Embry Riddle

The school, which has been offering courses in Maine since 1981 and at NASB since 1994, will be the third educational facility (along with Bowdoin College and Southern Maine Community College) committing to relocating or expanding to the base once it closes in 2011.

“Our experience at NASB has been a very positive one,” stated Charlie Whitten, Director of Academic Support at the Brunswick Campus. “And we are very excited to be able to continue our programming into the future.”

Embry-Riddle Worldwide began in 1970 as a branch of the Daytona Beach Campus at Ft. Rucker, Alabama with 20 students, primarily military working adults. Since then, the program has become one of the largest off-campus, regionally-accredited colleges in the United States, with over 45,000 alumni. The Worldwide organization educates more than 27,000 students through classroom, online or hybrid undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world’s largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace, offers more than 30 degree programs in its colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Business, and Engineering. The university educates more than 34,000 students annually in undergraduate and graduate programs at residential campuses in Prescott, Ariz., Daytona Beach, Fla., and Worldwide at more than 130 campus centers in the United States, Canada, Europe and the Middle East, and through online learning.

“Having Embry Riddle’s educational program here is a critical and key element to attracting quality aviation



Governor Baldacci congratulates Embry Riddle’s Charlie Whitten

companies to Brunswick,” stated Art Mayo, Board Chair for the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA). “With Embry Riddle committed to staying in Brunswick, we are in a position to offer potential businesses considering relocating to Brunswick a well-educated workforce trained in a variety of high-tech professions. A well trained workforce can be the deciding factor for a company’s relocation.”



MRRA is responsible for implementing the reuse master plans for NASB in Brunswick and the Topsham Annex in Topsham. To learn more about MRRA, go to www.mrra.us or call 798-6512 for more information. For more information on Embry Riddle, please visit www.erau.edu.

Charlie Bridge of Embry Riddle with Charlie Whitten, Art Mayo, Governor Baldacci, Rep. Stan Gerzofsky, John Richardson and Steve Levesque

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