

Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce: Madison's Truax Field chosen to receive state-of-the-art F-35A Aircraft

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MADISON – Today the United States Air Force announced it has selected Madison's Truax Field, home of the 115th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard, as one of two sites that will receive state-of-the-art, next-generation F-35A aircraft. Madison had been one of five finalist sites previously announced by the Air Force in December 2016. In response to today's announcement, Chamber President Zach Brandon released the following statement:

"We are extremely proud and excited about today's announcement for the 1,200 airmen of the 115th Fighter Wing, as well as for Greater Madison's economy. The selection of the 115th to receive the F-35A ensures the benefits of the base – including \$100 million in annual economic impact, emergency services for Dane County Regional Airport and tuition support for area students who serve in the Guard – will remain in Greater Madison for decades to come.

"This selection would not have been possible without years of commitment from the Wisconsin Air National Guard, the leadership of the 115th, the advocacy of Wisconsin's congressional delegation, state leaders and local elected officials from Dane County, the Chamber's partnership with the Badger Air Community Council and everyone who has shown their support through the Together Truax initiative. We are incredibly thankful to all of them for their hard work and dedication to

making this day a reality.

“We look forward to welcoming the F-35A to Madison and continuing to stand with the men and women of the 115th.”

About the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce:

The Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business with nearly 1,300 organizations – ranging from one-person shops to corporations with more than 10,000 employees – working to bring the Greater Madison area to its full potential. The Greater Madison region is a leader in innovation. From cutting-edge technologies to distinctive retail shops to inventive services and products, our members vary greatly but are united by the region’s entrepreneurial spirit. More information can be found at greatermadisonchamber.com.

About Together Truax:

Launched in June 2016 by the Chamber, in partnership with the Badger Air Community Council, Together Truax is a program dedicated to assisting the effort to base the F-35A aircraft at Madison’s Truax Field. The initiative has included advocacy, marketing and lobbying, generating more than \$100,000 in private investment and enlisting more than 2,100 supporters. More information can be found at togethertruax.com.