

Innovative Aviation... and Training



Innovation Village @ Rockingham (IV@R) is a magnet for professionals who use technology to serve their customers in manufacturing, IT, energy, life sciences, and even in the air.

Michael Stoltzfus is a pilot—not only of aircraft ranging from single-engine crop dusters to 767s, but also as the President and CEO of Dynamic Aviation.

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At Dynamic Aviation's headquarters at the Bridgewater Air Park, Dynamic's staff modifies airplanes and provides flight services for a very diverse client base, including federal agencies, state and local governments, nonprofit research organizations, and private entities. Its fleet includes aircraft ranging from Beachcraft King Airs to Bombardier Dash 8s and DC-9s.

"We have a deep interest in creating value for our customers utilizing aircraft to meet special mission needs," Stoltzfus says. "We strive daily to serve our customers with integrity and excellence."

In 2005, with its business expanding rapidly, Stoltzfus met with Rockingham County officials about Dynamic's need for cost control measures and a skilled workforce. The County was able to provide property tax relief by creating an Aviation Technology Zone which encouraged the company's growth. County officials also worked with Blue Ridge Community College to develop an FAA-approved Aviation Maintenance Training School (AMTS).

Today hands-on training classes are held in a hangar at the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport. Dynamic provided some of the equipment. It also awards three scholarships annually and offers paid internships. Since the creation of the technology zone, Dynamic Aviation has grown from 150 to more than 760 employees and contract workers. The company also has purchased three additional fleets, added several buildings to its air-park complex, and is likely to continue its upward trajectory.

"As we continue to create value by operating airplanes in niche markets, and do it well, we should continue to have fairly steady growth," Stoltzfus says.

Innovation Village @ Rockingham is infused with a strong community spirit and "can-do" optimism that helps great ideas move to reality. IV@R is a 365-acre master planned village being developed in three phases, allowing for the establishment of new facilities or campuses customized for each company's specific needs.