

Anduril Industries chooses Ohio for 4,000-job autonomous weapons manufacturing facility

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - A California-based defense technology company plans to build a 4,000-job facility in central Ohio to manufacture “autonomous weapons systems” for the U.S. and its allies, a development state officials say represents the largest single job creation project in state history.

Anduril Industries plans to invest more than \$900 million to build the facility on 500 acres in Pickaway County near Rickenbacker International Airport, a civil-military public airport south of Columbus, according to a Thursday press release from Gov. Mike DeWine’s office.

A press conference about the announcement is scheduled at 9 a.m.

The company is targeting a production start date of July 2026 and is expected to hit its 4,000 production and service jobs total by 2035. Construction on the 5-million-square-foot Arsenal-1 facility is expected to start soon after state and local governments approve public funding to support the project.

The company will seek funding and tax credits from the state, including \$70 million from the All Ohio Future Fund, a state fund meant to help local communities attract economic development projects, according to the release. It also will receive a grant from JobsOhio, which says it will disclose the funding amount after agreements are signed.

State officials estimate that the project will generate more than \$2 billion in economic output over the next decade.

“Ohio’s history of advancing aviation, aerospace, and national defense runs deep, but what sets this state apart is our readiness to embrace the future,” DeWine said in a release. “At this critical moment in time, our country needs rapid technological innovation, which Anduril will deliver using Ohio’s skilled, hardworking labor force. The future of American air power will be made in Ohio!”

The Ohio facility “will be the first manufacturing facility equipped to produce tens of thousands of autonomous weapons systems addressing the urgent needs of the United States and its allies,” according to the release.

Locating near Rickenbacker gives the company nearby runway access to test its products.

However, the release from DeWine’s office says the company’s primary focus is not hardware, but software, specifically its “Lattice OS, an AI-powered autonomous sensemaking and command-and-control platform.”

This is a developing story and will be updated.