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The University of Dayton Research Institute will participate in a research and development consortium of six Ohio companies and organizations who will provide new composite materials, products and technologies to Airbus.

Through a five-year agreement with Airbus, the National Composite Center will manage the consortium aimed at strengthening Ohio's aerospace industry and boosting economic development throughout the state. Ohio aerospace suppliers, incubators and universities will receive technical and financial support for developing and demonstrating new technologies to produce high-tech component parts for Airbus.

Researchers at the Research Institute and in the University of Dayton School of Engineering will evaluate the properties and performance of nanomaterials and carbon fibers developed under the program.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, Airbus Americas Chairman Allan McArtor and National Composite Center President Lisa Novelli announced the formation of the consortium Jan. 20 at NCC in Kettering, Ohio.

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