

Airport ribbon-cutting to celebrate new hangar planned for Feb. 12

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The Killeen Regional Airport will host a ribbon-cutting for a new building at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

The ribbon-cutting is for Corporate Hangar II, which will house CSI Aviation. The new hangar is a roughly 12,000-square-foot space. That area is divided between an 8,000-square-foot hangar space and 4,000-square-foot office space. The two-story hangar was built by NASCO Construction, an Idaho-based contractor, and took slightly more than a year to complete. That construction project cost about \$5.3 million with the bulk of that being paid for by a Federal Aviation Administration grant.

CSI Aviation is leasing the hangar. It provides passenger transportation, charter, air cargo and medical flight services. The hangar also serves as a fixed base of operations for the company, which is headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The lease agreement, which the Killeen City Council approved in January, is scheduled to last for six and a half years. The city is projecting it will generate approximately \$106,000 in yearly rent revenue from that lease.

The new hangar is part of the Killeen Regional Airport's growth plan and is expected to boost its economic outlook.

This is the second hangar being leased by CSI Aviation at the Killeen Regional Airport. It also signed a lease agreement for the first corporate hangar at the airport in 2022 and, before that, it had operated out of a temporary hangar at the airport.

In a news release, Jarrod Provost, Killeen's assistant director of aviation, said, "The completion of this second hangar is a testament to the strong partnership between Killeen Regional Airport and CSI Aviation."

"This project represents a critical step in our efforts to promote aviation growth and regional development," he furthered. "We are excited to see how this facility will contribute to the advancement of aviation services in Central Texas."

Various aviation professionals and community leaders are expected to be in attendance for the ribbon-cutting.