

Anduril plans \$31M hangar at Rickenbacker International Airport





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Anduril is preparing to officially establish operations at Rickenbacker International Airport.

The defense-tech startup, which this year announced the [largest single-site job creation project in state history](#), has filed a permit in Pickaway County for a new \$31 million, 55,659-square-foot airside hangar at the airport.

Though Anduril has previously filed construction permits for the [first two phases of its Arsenal-1 manufacturing campus](#) – which is expected to grow to some 5 million square feet – this filing marks the first time the company has sought approvals for a facility located directly on Rickenbacker’s airfield.

The permit, filed under the name “Arsenal 1 – Airside Hangar Phase 1,” lists Elford Inc. as the contractor with architecture firm [Gensler](#) preparing the plans. Neither answered a request for comment.

An Anduril spokesperson confirmed the plans, telling *Columbus Business First* in an email that the company will use the hangar for testing and customer-delivery preparation.



Construction equipment at the site of Anduril's campus in Central Ohio.

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The Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which owns and operates Rickenbacker, said it has a lease agreement in place for the hangar site.

The authority also will undertake a \$14.5 million public airside infrastructure project, a spokesperson said, calling it a “critical investment” that “will ensure the new facility is effectively connected to the airport's primary runway system.”

“This development is a key step in realizing our strategic vision of further broadening Rickenbacker’s role as a global air cargo gateway,” the airport authority spokesperson wrote in a statement to *Business First*.

“From its roots serving the retail industry, this new opportunity helps us grow Rickenbacker into a robust industrial complex focused on manufacturing, assembly and manufacturing logistics.

“This evolution is designed to support significant future economic growth across Central Ohio.”

Anduril’s Arsenal-1 project, which is expected to hire some 4,000 employees in the next decade, is moving full steam ahead.

In April, the company began [hiring the first employees for its Central Ohio plant](#).

Anduril plans to start production next year as the build-out continues.



Anduril Industries plans 5 million square feet of manufacturing space, seen in a rendering, for Arsenal-1 near Rickenbacker International Airport.

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