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REP. CURREY JOINS OFFICIALS FOR UTC FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING

Rep. Jeff Currey (D-East Hartford, Manchester, South Windsor) joined Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, U.S. Rep. John B. Larson, state Sen. Timothy Larson, East Hartford Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc and corporate officials Monday for the United Technologies Research Center's groundbreaking of a new research and development facility in East Hartford.

The project, supported by the 2014 Connecticut Aerospace Reinvestment Act, is scheduled for completion in early 2017.

Located in East Hartford, the research and development center will include more than 100,000 square feet of new and renovated engineering lab and office space, and will serve as UTC's aerospace innovation hub.

"This new facility is great news for East Hartford, as well as Connecticut," Currey said. "It will significantly expand the company's research capabilities in the areas of intelligent systems, advanced materials and manufacturing, and revolutionary propulsion and power technologies."

"This state-of-the art research and development center will be home to many of the brightest scientists and engineers in the world, driving innovation to make air travel safer, more reliable and more efficient," said David Parekh, vice president, Research, and director, UTRC.

"Connecticut has been proud to partner with United Technologies, one of our state's leading employers, to retain Connecticut's place as a national leader in the aerospace industry," Gov. Malloy said. "This new research and development facility in East Hartford will help create good-paying jobs and continue our state's economic progress. We are proud to continue to work with leaders at United Technologies Research Center as we build a stronger, brighter future for Connecticut families."

Passed by the state legislature in 2014, the Connecticut Aerospace Reinvestment Act allows UTC to exchange previously earned but unused tax credits to finance investments in upgrading and expanding its aerospace research, development and manufacturing facilities.

Founded in 1929, United Technologies Research Center is home to nearly 600 employees worldwide whose work has contributed to the creation of some of the world's most significant scientific advances in aerospace. Among them are such innovations as vectored thrust control, high-power industrial lasers and computational modeling of design airfoils. UTRC, which has won multiple R&D 100 awards for innovation excellence, is often recognized by industry leaders for its game-changing technologies.

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