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## **Southern California Logistics Airport: Where to Go to Grow**

The City of Victorville recently announced that Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) is nearly 100 percent leased, shifting the City's focus to identifying build-to-suit opportunities for new users, both inside and outside of the airfield fence. Prior to announcing this milestone, Victorville announced that The Boeing Company has signed a 100,000-square-foot, \$1.8 million three-year lease at SCLA to co-locate three of its growing operating divisions: Boeing Capital, Boeing AOG and Boeing Flight Test.

In addition to Boeing's growing activity at SCLA since 2003, other high-profile activity that has created buzz around Victorville and its airport includes Dr. Pepper Snapple Group's 2010 completion of its 850,000-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse facility at SCLA to serve the company's entire West Coast beverage-consuming demand, and M&M/Mars' 2011 relocation of its refrigerated candy warehouse operation to approximately 500,000 square feet of building space at SCLA.

What do giants like Boeing, G.E. and Leading Edge Aviation Company know about the City of Victorville? Tucked between Los Angeles and Las Vegas in the heart of Southern California's trade and transportation corridors, Victorville has a secret weapon, and that is Southern California Logistics Airport itself. One of the United States' largest logistics airports, SCLA is a 2,500-acre world-class aerospace services hub, providing aircraft owners, manufacturers and aerospace service providers with an ideal location to serve the global aerospace market. The airport's differentiating factors include a 15,000-foot runway, 360 days of "severe clear" and ample space for growth and business expansion.

SCLA's state-of-the-art hangars can accommodate projects ranging from aircraft maintenance and repair programs to the painting of large wide-body aircraft including the 747-800's, 777-300's and the new 777x. In addition to the hangars currently available, there are several, 25-acre sites immediately available for corporate aviation development. Many of these sites can be swelled to 100 or more acres. SCLA also has hundreds of acres that can serve the expanding need for aircraft storage.

Industry leaders being one step ahead with resources that stimulate growth is a tale as old as time, but in the case of SCLA, the facts speak for themselves. It is clear that locating to Victorville makes sense for businesses with bottled up growth potential.