

Millwrights and Airbus partners in history

Southern Millwrights, Airbus complete company's first U.S. manufacturing facility

Southern States Millwrights Local 1192 took the lead in building the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility in Brookley, Alabama, the company's first production site in the U.S. This game-changing facility, which houses the final assembly for the A320 family of jetliners, began aircraft assembly in July, with first deliveries scheduled for 2016 to North American customers. The \$600 million, 53-acre facility near Mobile launches Airbus' commitment to manufacturing in the U.S. and will employ more than 200 workers as well as perform some military customer operations.

Originally awarded the open issues matrix contract for the project, Atlas Industrial Contractors of Warren, Michigan, started with a small union crew, including the Southern Millwrights, working alongside the original nonunion contractor. Atlas became the prime install contractor on May 19, when the original contracting firm, which had been using unskilled labor, left the job.

Atlas stepped in and added more Southern Millwrights, union operators, union carpenters, union pipefitters, union ironworkers and union electricians. These staffing moves created a 100-percent union jobsite. At its peak, the project employed about 100 union professionals.

Atlas Project Superintendent Jess Tipken credited the Southern Millwrights'

work for meeting all of the client's milestone dates with no safety incidents or injuries during the extensive project, and for finishing in time for Airbus' inauguration of the site. The crew achieved all these successes without going over the time-and-materials budget.

"I was very impressed by the professionalism, dedication and hard work provided by all your tradesmen," Tipken said in a letter to the Southern States Millwright Regional Council. "They sacrificed time with their families as well as holidays to make sure this project was

completed successfully and in a timely manner. I have never been more proud to be part of something professionally than I am now."

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