

AIAA Historic Aerospace Site Guidelines Rev 1.1

The AIAA Historic Aerospace Sites program recognizes geographical locations, with or without buildings or facilities, associated with significant aerospace achievements, programs or individuals. The purpose of the program is to inform AIAA members and the public of the significance of the site through a dedication ceremony, a physical brochure, online documentation, and if funds are available a standardized bronze plaque. The plaque shall be accessible to the public either on site or at a nearby location such as a museum, park, or on the grounds of an organization associated with the site.

Proposed locations may be submitted by any AIAA member in good standing using the Historic Aerospace Sites nomination form. It is highly desired the nomination be endorsed by the local AIAA section, or if located outside a section by the region director, however this is not absolutely required.

To be considered for selection, a site should meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrate significance in its national and/or local aerospace-related history, architecture, engineering, or culture.
- Be associated with events that contributed to the broad patterns of aerospace history.
- Are associated with the lives of persons who have contributed to the development of aerospace.
- Have yielded information important in aerospace history.

Sites of multiple significance, such as a NASA center or manufacturing facility, should be recognized in their entirety rather than building by individual building. However, if two truly significant and distinct sites share a property (such as a NASA and military site) they should be recognized separately. In a case where multiple sites for a particular achievement could be chosen, the committee will decide if one site or multiple sites will be recognized.

The approximately \$3,000 cost of the plaque, which is optional but desired, and expenses for the event such as the brochure and refreshments, are generally borne by the local AIAA section, region, or other organization such as a local chamber of commerce or company associated with the site. If it is anticipated this support will be available an estimate of the amount and the supporting organization(s) should be provided on the nomination form, however it is not required and in no way affects the chances of the site for selection.

Nominations are due by June 1st of each year, with selected sites announced by the AIAA History Committee by September 1st. No more than five sites will be selected per year. In addition to the local dedication ceremony, the nominator and participating organizations should publicize the site on social media and local websites. New sites will be documented on the History Committee website and recognized by a short presentation at a history session or panel at SciTech, either by a local representative from the site or a member of the History Committee.