



Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

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Aerospace Officials to Promote Industry During Aviation Day 2008

Who:

Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission and Oklahoma's aerospace industry

What:

Aviation Day 2008

Why:

Aviation Day's purpose is to recognize the industry as a vital economic engine for our state. It is a unique opportunity for companies to meet one-on-one with state legislators and other elected officials, airport operators, and representatives from some of Oklahoma's most significant aviation and aerospace companies.

When:

Monday, April 7, 2008, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Lt. Gov. Jari Askins will provide opening remarks and will officially kick off Aviation Day by reading a proclamation from Gov. Brad Henry declaring April 7, 2008, as "Oklahoma Aviation Day.")

Where:

State Capitol, Fourth Floor Rotunda

Background:

This marks the fifth year that the aerospace industry has organized Aviation Day. Many of the state's largest aerospace companies, including AAR Aircraft Services, American Airlines, ARINC, BizJet, Boeing, Capital Aviation, General Dynamics, Jet Service, NORDAM, Pro-Fab, Southwest United Industries, Spirit AeroSystems and Valco Manufacturing, will have informational booths set up around the fourth floor rotunda promoting their companies and the impact they and the rest of the state's aerospace industry have on Oklahoma's economy.

Some Facts & Figures:

- Oklahoma's aerospace industry is one of the state's top employers, providing 150,000 direct and indirect jobs and generating an annual payroll of \$5 billion. One in 10 Oklahomans derive their income from the aerospace industry.
- The average annual salary for an Oklahoma aerospace employee is nearly \$55,000 compared to \$29,000 for the average Oklahoman.
- In Oklahoma, the aerospace industry yields an industrial output of \$12.5 billion a year, which represents 10 percent of the state's total industrial output.