



Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

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Legislators Continue Aerospace Interim Study with Oklahoma City Visit

Who:

House Aerospace and Technology Subcommittee

What:

House Interim Study #07-60

Why:

To examine how the state is doing insofar as fostering the growth of the aerospace industry in Oklahoma.

When:

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007

Where:

Oklahoma City –various sites (See tentative agenda)

Background:

House Speaker Lance Cargill granted this interim study following the 2007 legislative session when several aerospace-related bills, including House Bill 2082 (Airport Modernization Bill) and House Bill 2085 (Aerospace Engineer Workforce Bill), were overwhelmingly passed by both houses. However, legislative leaders could not agree on an omnibus tax incentives/tax credit bill at the end of the session that would have included funding for the Aerospace Engineer Workforce Bill. Likewise, no appropriations were available to fund the Airport Modernization Bill. Both of the bills will be reconsidered once again during the 2008 legislative session.

The subcommittee met in Tulsa earlier this month to kickoff the aerospace interim study. While in Tulsa, lawmakers visited several Tulsa aerospace companies such as NORDAM, Spirit AeroSystems and the American Airlines Maintenance and Engineering Center where they heard about some of the issues facing Oklahoma's growing aerospace industry, in particular the aerospace workforce shortage and lack of facilities, as well as companies' difficulty in competing for the \$5 billion worth of federal contracts awarded annually by Tinker Air Force Base.

Tentative Agenda:

9:45 a.m. – Arrive at Northrop Grumman (5600 Liberty Parkway, Suite101, Midwest City) and check in with security

10 a.m. – Introduction and overview

Scheduled Speakers:

- Rep. Mike Jackson, R-Enid, subcommittee chair
- Victor Bird, director, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission
- Stew Scannell, site manager, Northrop Grumman

11 a.m. – Guided driving tour of Liberty Park; General Motors; and Tinker Business Industrial Park, as well as a brief stopover at the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Technology Center.

Scheduled Speakers:

- Chip Carter, vice president, Trammel Crow
- Janelle Stafford, property and leasing manager, TBIP

Noon – Arrive at Metro Tech Aviation Campus (Will Rogers World Airport)

Scheduled Speaker: Pete Lee, director, Metro Tech

12:30 p.m. – Stopover at AAR Services (Will Rogers World Airport)

Scheduled Speaker: Don Wetekam, president, AAR Services

12:45 p.m. – Lunch at ARINC Hangar (Will Rogers World Airport)

Scheduled Speakers:

- Mike Young, vice president, ARINC
- Ben Robinson, OKC site director, The Boeing Company
- Deidre Myers, director of research and economic analysis, Oklahoma Department of Commerce

2 p.m. – Adjournment (return to Northrop Grumman parking lot)

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Members of the media are welcome to cover the interim study in Oklahoma City; however, due to security reasons, the name(s) of those individuals from your news organization who plan to attend the event must be provided beforehand in order to gain entry onto the premises of the participating aerospace companies. If your news organization would like to cover the event, please provide name(s) to Harve Allen, OAC director of communications, by no later than 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26.