



Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

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MEDIA ADVISORY

***Status of Aerospace Industry Topic of Town Hall Meeting in Oklahoma City
January 5, 2007***

Who:

Oklahoma Aerospace Alliance (OAA) and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber

What:

OAA Town Hall Meeting

When:

5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007

Where:

Oklahoma History Center, 2401 N. Laird (northwest of the State Capitol across NW 23rd Street)
Devon Hall

Why:

The Town Hall Meeting will provide representatives from aviation- and aerospace-related companies with updated information regarding the growth and vitality of the aerospace industry.

Scheduled Speakers:

- Mick Cornett, mayor of Oklahoma City
- Kirk Humphreys (**Keynote**), vice chair for aviation and aerospace, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and former mayor of Oklahoma City
- Robert Conner, director of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base
- Jeff Davis, public policy committee chair for the OAA executive committee

Background:

Formed in 2004 as a result of the Governors Aerospace Task Force, with seed funding provided through a \$150,000 contract from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, the OAA promotes the state's growing aerospace industry. It currently represents approximately 250 companies, organizations, educational institutions and government entities who have a stake or interest in the welfare and growth of the aerospace industry. Some of the primary objectives of the OAA are to develop policies, programs and initiatives, which will improve the climate for business growth and increase the competitiveness of individual member companies and the aerospace industry in national and international markets; to promote awareness of the aerospace industry's economic and social benefits to the state; to improve opportunities for industry-specific education and training; and to promote careers in the aerospace industry.