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British-American Business Connections (BABC) Announces Seattle's 2017 Aerospace Conference Speaker Line-Up

Regional and international industry experts, as well as top company executives, come together on October 19 at the Museum of Flight to discuss the future of the U.S. / UK aerospace ecosystem

Seattle, Wash., October 6, 2017 – British-American Business Connections (BABC) today announced the speaker line-up of its 2017 Aerospace Conference to be held on Thursday, October 19 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Wash. from 7:30 am to 6:45 pm. Participating government officials from both the U.S. and the UK include Lieutenant Governor for the state of Washington Cyrus Habib who will open the event with a special welcome address, Congressman Rick Larsen who will deliver afternoon remarks, and Air Marshal Julian Young with the UK Ministry of Defence who will address the long-standing special relationship between the U.S. and the UK. Top-level UK and U.S. aerospace industry experts and corporate executives will share their perspectives on what will shape the future of the U.S. / UK aerospace ecosystem. Session topics will cover a broad spectrum of key subjects from OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) and innovators to supply chain, infrastructure, industry growth, transatlantic travel, and new innovations. Speakers will also take a deep dive into the opportunities and impacts of Brexit on U.S. / UK trade and investment.

The full line-up of speakers at this year's event includes:

- Nick Bowman, vice president, operational excellence, GKN Aerospace
- Ben Brierley, aerospace sector lead, Department for International Trade (DIT)
- Steve Burnside, market analysis and strategy, Rolls-Royce International
- Dickie Davis OBE, deputy director, advanced materials and manufacturing sector, Welsh Government
- Nelson Dong, partner, Dorsey & Whitney
- Paul Griffiths, head of aerospace hub, UK Department for BEIS (Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)
- Honorable Cyrus Habib, Lieutenant Governor, state of Washington
- Ben Hempstead, mechanical engineer lead and chief of staff, Electroimpact
- Jeegar Kakkad, chief economist and director of policy, ADS
- Honorable Rick Larsen, WA-District 2, U.S. Congress
- Debbie Lee, CEO, Tool Gauge
- Devin Liddell, principal brand strategist, Teague
- Kelly Maloney, president and CEO, Aerospace Futures Alliance (AFA)

- Fiona McKay, business development director, Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance (PNAA)
- Michel Merluzeau, director, market analysis and strategy, commercial-defence markets, AirInsight Research
- Diane Mooney, director, U.S. Export Assistance Center
- Paul-John Oliver, vice president, customer services – AACCS, Airbus / Customer Services
- Jon Ostrower, aviation editor, CNN Digital Worldwide
- Kim Smith, vice president and general manager, fabrication, Boeing Commercial Airplanes
- John Thornquist, director, Office of Aerospace and Governor’s aerospace sector lead, Washington State Department of Commerce
- Air Marshal Julian Young, chief of materiel (air), defence equipment and support, UK Ministry of Defence

“The aerospace sector is one of the key pillars of the special relationship between the UK and the U.S. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Washington state aerospace product exports to the UK alone amounted to \$2.7 billion in 2016,” explains Gareth Wade, chairman of BABC. “Now in its 11th edition, the BABC Aerospace Conference has become an annual staple for aerospace communities from both sides of the pond to come together and further reinforce trade and cooperation.”

This year’s event is presented by The Boeing Company. Additional sponsors include GNK Aerospace, Delta Air Lines, Teague, Tool Gauge, the UK Department for International Trade, Aerospace Vendors, Hobart Machined Products, and Orion Industries.

Please visit www.bacpnw.org/aerospace-conference for registration, program, and speaker details.

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