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### **Wichita to welcome NASAO convention, top aviation officials**

The National Association of State Aviation Officials will convene its 79<sup>th</sup> annual convention and trade show September 11 -14 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, and will feature presentations from local and national aviation executives discussing the challenges facing the industry in the coming decade. Working with representatives from the aviation agencies of all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico, NASAO seeks to create consensus among its members in promoting a safe and responsive air transport system.

With the theme "*Aviation 2020 and Beyond: A Clear Vision for the Future*," the convention will examine aviation growth, sustainability, alternate fuels, and customer demand, and will offer specialized tracks for manufacturers, airports, and public relations.

Guest speakers include FAA Senior Vice President of NextGen Vicki Cox, TSA General Manager for General Aviation Brian Delauter and former Chief of Staff for NASA and current CEO of Virgin Galactic George Whitesides. Also on hand will be Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer and Bob Dixon, Mayor of Greensburg, who will host the luncheon "*Greensburg, Kansas – A Partnership to Build Green.*"

Ed Young, Director of the Kansas Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation, will host "*Airport Community and Media Outreach: Building a Foundation for Effective Relationships,*" a forum dedicated to fostering open communication between aviation officials and the public.

The event, which takes place at the Hyatt Regency Wichita and will offer tours of the Kansas Aviation Museum as well as an outing to the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center in Hutchison, is expected to generate in excess of \$250,000 of economic impact for Wichita.

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