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Lt. Governor Kleefisch elected Vice Chair of Aerospace States Association

Madison, WI – Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch has been elected by her colleagues as vice chair of the Aerospace States Association (ASA). This new position affords her a national platform to lead on behalf of one of Wisconsin's high-growth industries. ASA is the voice of aerospace in the states, bringing together government, industry, and education on a nonpartisan basis to cooperate on workforce, economic development, science/technology/engineering/math (STEM) education, and global competitiveness.

"Aviation and aerospace are two industries poised for explosive growth in the near future, and the states are leading the way to maximize this potential," said Lt. Governor Kleefisch. "Whether through university-based research, entrepreneurship incubators, or STEM workforce pipelines, states like Wisconsin are invested in the success of these industries. Working together through ASA, we can enhance our impact and ensure that American companies continue to lead the world in the skies and space."

Lt. Governor Kleefisch has been active in ASA since taking office in 2011. She hosted the 2016 national meeting of the ASA, bringing delegates from across the country to Milwaukee and Oshkosh for several days of meetings alongside EAA AirVenture. This continues the Lt. Governor's long-standing commitment to Wisconsin's aviation and aerospace industries, including activities with Carthage College, UW-Madison, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and numerous Wisconsin aviation and aerospace associations and companies. Lt. Governor Kleefisch works closely with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to maximize the jobs impact of her initiatives in the aerospace sector.



Lt. Governor Kay Ivey (AL), ASA Chair; Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton (KY); Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch (WI); Lt. Governor John Sanchez (NM) tour EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh as part of the ASA meeting, July 28, 2016.

Fast Facts on Wisconsin Aerospace from WEDC:

COMPANIES: More than 200 companies have ties to the state's aerospace sector. More than 24,000 Wisconsin residents are employed by companies that support the aerospace manufacturing sector.

UNIVERSITIES: Wisconsin is home to 17 engineering-related schools with training that spans from engineering certificates to Ph.D. degrees. Engineering and research programs in our Wisconsin universities are providing solutions to industry challenges as diverse as advanced avionics, airframe materials, and system software. In 2014, Wisconsin's colleges and universities awarded more than 4,000 academic degrees in engineering and engineering technology fields.

COMMUNITIES: More than 500,000 aviation enthusiasts from across the globe gather at a world-class airshow in Oshkosh, making it the world's busiest airport for one week each year. Wisconsin Aerospace Partners, AeroInnovate at UW-Oshkosh, and WEDC all work with local economic developers and other partners to support these industries.