WICHITA TAKES FLIGHT: SHOWCASING THE AIR CAPITAL AT THE 2025 PARIS AIR SHOW

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The Partnership is set to represent the Wichita region—proudly known as the Air Capital of the World—at the 2025 Paris Air Show, the world's premier aerospace exhibition. This global event, held biennially at Le Bourget Airport near Paris, attracts over 2,500 exhibitors from 48 countries and approximately 300,000 visitors, including 130,000 industry professionals.

Elevating Wichita's Aerospace Industry

Wichita's delegation comprises education leaders, business representatives and elected officials. They aim to attract new business investments and strengthen the region's existing aerospace industry.

The region boasts a rich aviation history and is home to major aerospace companies such as Airbus, Bombardier, Textron Aviation and Spirit AeroSystems. Additionally, Wichita State University (WSU) ranks as the No. 1 U.S. college in industry-funded aerospace research, housing the renowned National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) and the National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT).

Wichita's Presence at the Paris Air Show

The Partnership's presence at the 2025 Paris Air Show includes:

- **Booth Kiosk Partners**: Fiber Dynamics/FILL USA, Aero-Tech Engineering, Inc., Aircraft Parts Distribution, Clearwater Engineering, Etezazi Industries, Globe Engineering, Harlow Aerostructures, Metal Finishing Company and Weavix.
- **Chalet Partners**: Wichita State University (including NIAR and WSU Tech), SNC, NWI Aerostructures and Mid-State Aerospace, Inc.
- **Delegation**: U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, Congressman Ron Estes, Kansas Lt. Gov. David Toland, Wichita Mayor Lily Wu, Sedgwick County Commissioner Pete Meitzner, Kansas House Majority Leader Chris Croft, Kansas Representative Susan Estes, business leaders and higher education representatives.

Proven Success in Business Development

The International Air Show has been pivotal to the overall economic development of the Wichita region. With a capital

investment of over $3.5 billion, 14,225 total jobs, and a project pipeline of nearly $10 billion, efforts at this global aerospace gathering showcase south-central Kansas as the most robust ecosystem with 100 years of expertise and an impressive talent pipeline.

2023 Paris Air Show Delegation

2023 Air Capital of the World Reception

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A highlight of Wichita's presence at the Paris Air Show is the Air Capital of the World reception, which has seen a 77% increase in attendance since 2019. This exclusive event offers industry leaders, suppliers, and executives an opportunity to connect, network and explore the advantages of investing in Wichita's aerospace ecosystem.

For more information about Wichita's aerospace industry and the region's presence at the 2025 Paris Air Show, visit greaterwichitapartnership.org.