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Helicopter Association International's Annual HAI HELI-EXPO Arrives in Atlanta Next Week

Alexandria, Virginia (February 22, 2019) — Helicopter Association International's (HAI) HAI HELI-EXPO 2019 arrives in Atlanta this week, with helicopters flying into the Georgia World Congress Center on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The world's largest helicopter trade show and exposition, this event celebrates the private, civil, public service, and military segments of the helicopter industry with participants from around the world. The show runs from March 4–7, with exhibits open March 5–7.

“This is the first time we’ve brought our show to Atlanta, and we couldn’t be more excited to visit the ‘Gateway to the South,’” says Matthew Zuccaro, president and CEO of HAI. “Atlanta is a wonderful place to do business, and some of our early projections indicate that our attendees and exhibitors agree. These numbers are also noteworthy indicators that the helicopter industry is robust and growing with the international economy. We estimate \$2 billion worth of business will take place during this event.”

HAI HELI-EXPO 2019 is the one stop for everything in the helicopter industry, offering close to 700 companies featuring exhibits from aircraft manufacturers, helicopter operators, and suppliers of parts, accessories, and maintenance services, among others. More than 50 helicopters will be displayed across Halls B and C of the Georgia World Congress Center, including models from Airbus, Bell, Leonardo, MD Helicopters, Robinson, Sikorsky, and several other manufacturers.

“We also understand that Bell is bringing their Bell Nexus Air Taxi Mock-Up, an urban air taxi concept aircraft,” adds Zuccaro. “Rumors of other major manufacturers displaying urban air-taxi concept aircraft are still up in the air. However, I think visitors are going to see a number of companies exhibiting unmanned aircraft technology that either is currently available or that we’ll see in production soon.”

HAI HELI-EXPO attendees span the spectrum of the industry, attracting operators, pilots, mechanics, students, military service members, and helicopter aficionados to the multiday event. Attendees from around the world can seek employment, catch up with industry trends, do business on the show floor, or attend nonstop meetings, presentations, and safety and professional education courses.

“The people who are coming to the show are intrigued by all that Atlanta has to offer, including our international visitors,” adds Zuccaro. “We appreciate that this city is friendly, dynamic, and ready to welcome our guests from around the globe.” For more information – including registration fees – about HAI HELI-EXPO 2019, visit www.rotor.org/Home/HELI-EXPO.

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HAI is the professional trade association for the international helicopter industry. HAI's 18,000 members represent 1,800 aviation businesses, and safely operate more than 4,500 helicopters approximately 2.3 million hours each year in more than 73 nations. HAI is dedicated to the promotion of the helicopter as a safe, effective method of commerce and to the advancement of the international helicopter community.