



American Aviation Institute Launches First Commercial Aviation Think Tank

Washington, D.C. – Dec. 16, 2010 – The American Aviation Institute (AAI) launched today in Washington, D.C. as the commercial aviation industry’s first independent business and policy-oriented think tank. AAI said it will draw on business, academic, regulatory and consumer perspectives to analyze airline, airport and government practices and policies, and make specific, quantitative recommendations for the industry's improvement.

AAI focuses on aviation policy and operational issues that impact all stakeholders, including projects in airline and air cargo operations, air traffic management, network profitability, flight scheduling, delay management, safety enforcement and other aviation issues.

“This is the era of intelligent decision making in aviation,” said AAI Chairman Darryl Jenkins, a 30-year aviation veteran. “AAI will have a critical role in ensuring that new policies are well researched, that consumers are protected and that the industry moves forward at the speed of aviation.”

AAI emphasizes peer-reviewed research, statistical analysis and due diligence to reach relevant, unbiased conclusions to advance the aviation industry. AAI seeks input from executives, academics, labor, consumer advocates, regulators and policy advisors who share a common interest in improving aviation.

“One of the most important issues facing North American aviation is how the next-generation air traffic control network will be conceived,” said Jenkins. “AAI will be analyzing all phases of how this is implemented.”

AAI is affiliated with George Washington University, where AAI founders have taught and built aviation programs in the past, and is funded by a cross-section of the industry. AAI membership is open to all aviation companies and stakeholders.

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