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## Delegation Represents Oklahoma at EAA AirVenture

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — An Oklahoma delegation spent several days in Oshkosh, Wisc., for the annual EAA AirVenture. This event, held July 22-28, is the largest annual gathering of aviation enthusiasts and the site of an exhibition of nearly 900 exhibitors of aviation companies and organizations. During the event, the delegation met with aviation and aerospace companies from Italy, Canada and the U.S.

The 2019 delegation was led by the Enid Regional Development Alliance and included the following partner participants:

- James Inhofe, United States Senator from Oklahoma
- Ada
- Ardmore
- Weatherford
- OG&E
- Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission
- Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science & Technology (OCAST)
- Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- Western Farmers Electric Cooperative

“Oklahoma’s legacy in aviation goes back to the early days of flight,” said Sen. Inhofe. “From general aviation to airports, and from our aerospace industry to our air force bases, I am a longstanding advocate for all aspects of aerospace and aviation, especially in Oklahoma. It is always an honor to represent my state and advocate for a critical part of our economy during the annual show in Oshkosh.”

“Aviation and aerospace is critical to Oklahoma’s economy and provides a good opportunity for continued economic growth,” said Brent Kisling, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Commerce. “Attending events like the historic AirVenture in Oshkosh gives our delegation the opportunity to meet with companies from all over the U.S. and around the world to let them know that Oklahoma is a great place to land.”

Since 2015, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce has assisted with business announcements from aerospace companies totaling more than 5,500 new jobs and more than \$1.3 billion in planned capital investment.

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