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Lt. Governors Ivey, Kleefisch, & Sanchez Elected to Lead ASA

Today the Aerospace States Association unanimously elected Alabama Lt. Governor Kay Ivey to serve a second term as Chair of ASA. Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and New Mexico Lt. Governor John Sanchez are the newly elected Vice Chairs with Georgia Delegate Amy Hudnall as Secretary and Ohio Delegate Dr. Michael Heil as Treasurer.

ASA is **The Voice of Aerospace for the States: Where Government, Industry, and Education Come Together**. ASA is a nonpartisan organization of Lieutenant Governors that represents states' interests in federal aerospace and aviation policy development. ASA advocates on behalf of all 50 states for research and design funding, workforce training, economic development in aerospace and aviation, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, and keeping states competitive in a global marketplace.

Nationally, the aerospace industry contributes nearly \$120 billion in export sales, resulting in a positive trade balance of \$70.5 billion, the largest trade surplus of any manufacturing industry in the U.S.

Alabama Lt. Governor Kay Ivey

"I am honored to have been elected by the ASA members. I appreciate their confidence in me," said Lt. Governor Ivey. "Alabama has a rich history in aerospace development and is a growing hub for the aviation and aerospace industries. More than 400 aerospace companies call Alabama home including Airbus, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin. As ASA Chair, I look forward to continuing to promote Alabama on the national stage while working with other states to develop sound policies to promote and strengthen our nation's leadership in aviation and space."

Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch

"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. 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."

New Mexico Lt. Governor John Sanchez

"I am honored by the confidence of my peers along with Lt. Governors Ivey and Kleefisch to help lead the ASA in the promotion of the aerospace industry" said Lt. Governor Sanchez. "I will continue sharing New Mexico's historical and present day contributions to cutting edge experimentation, test, research, assessment, development and training support to the nation. New Mexico is UAV testing at NMSU's Flight Test Center, leading the RPC training for the Air Force at Holloman AFB, an ideal climate for MRO and storage, looking to the future at the world's first purpose built spaceport; Spaceport America, providing a unique testing facilities and environment at White Sands Missile Range, inventing the future at our two National laboratories, and defending the nation at Cannon and Kirtland Air Force Bases. I look forward to sharing the New Mexico story nationally and internationally as well as promoting the aerospace and aviation industries throughout this nation."

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