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## **Virginia Department of Aviation Returns to NBAA Annual Meeting and Convention**

The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) will be promoting Virginia's air transportation system of 66 public use airports at the NBAA 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Convention (NBAA2012) in Orlando, Florida from Oct. 30-Nov.1, 2012.

NBAA2012 is the world's largest civil aviation tradeshow where key operators of business aircraft and industry leaders meet to conduct business.

DOAV will share information about the Commonwealth of Virginia's excellent airport system, low tax rates, skilled workforce, and state of the art research and technology resources to encourage businesses to come to Virginia. Airports in the Commonwealth currently contribute \$28.8 billion in economic activity to the Virginia economy and approximately 259,000 jobs are created and sustained by Virginia's airports.

Virginia Department of Aviation staff will be joined by Tracy Tynan, of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, who will promote aerospace in Virginia. More than 230 aerospace firms are based in Virginia, drawn here by a skilled workforce, strong economic growth, pro-business environment and excellent quality of life. In the past 10 years, 64 aerospace industry projects have been announced, creating more than 7,400 new jobs and generating investments worth more than \$1.5 billion.

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) is the leading organization for companies that rely on general aviation aircraft to help make their businesses more efficient, productive and successful. The Association represents more than 8,000 companies.

The Virginia Department of Aviation continually strives to become the standard of excellence among state aviation agencies through its cultivation of an advanced aviation system that is safe, secure and provides for economic development; its promotion of aviation education and awareness; and by providing flight services for Commonwealth leadership and state agencies.

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