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## **Aerospace States Association Leadership Announced** **Group will shape new initiatives, heighten activity on states-based priority issues**

The Aerospace States Association (ASA) elected Alaska Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell to serve as chairman and Lt. Governors Kay Ivey from Alabama and Todd Lamb from Oklahoma to serve as vice-chairs for the next two years.

“I am honored to serve as chairman of ASA with Lt. Governors Ivey and Lamb. We will direct ASA’s work to grow aviation and space-based industry and jobs, and encourage education to ensure that we will have engineers, pilots, and technicians for the future aerospace workforce,” said Lt. Governor Treadwell.

“Aviation is part of Alaskans’ lives every day. Eighty-two percent of Alaska’s communities are not connected to a road system. Aviation is our way of life here – whether it’s how we transport our food, how we visit our families, what we do for a living.”

He continued, “Aerospace issues shape our national security and economy. ASA is a grassroots effort to improve aerospace policy and education throughout the country.”

Lieutenant Governor Ivey remarked: “The aerospace industry is a driving force in Alabama’s economy and provides high-paid jobs. The Aerospace States Association provides a way to engage other states, industries, and the federal government to promote education and jobs across the country. Alabama has long been recognized as a leader in aerospace policies and programs.”

“Oklahoma has a long-term vested interest in aerospace,” said Lt. Governor Lamb. “We have proven that the aerospace industry can flourish in our state: since 2008, the aerospace industry has provided 74,000 jobs and \$12.4 billion in revenue in Oklahoma.”

Lamb continued: “The opportunity to serve as ASA vice-chair is truly an honor. This provides an essential opportunity to support the aerospace industry and Oklahoma’s economy. I am looking forward to partnering with ASA.”

ASA focus issues include: research and development funding; science, technology, engineering and mathematics education; policy suggestions, and workforce development.

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*ASA is a bi-partisan organization representing grassroots efforts in American aerospace and aviation. It is a 501(c)3 scientific and educational organization of Lieutenant Governors and Governor-appointed delegates. ASA was formed in 1989 to promote a state-based perspective in federal aerospace policy development and to support state aerospace initiatives that enhance student/teacher education outreach and economic development opportunities. ASA maintains direct ties to the executive branches of state governments throughout the nation. Learn more about ASA and how to join as an Associate Member at <http://www.aerostates.org/>*