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Plan Now to Attend RTCA Spring Symposium — April 6-7, 2010

The RTCA Spring Symposium, *Bringing NextGen into Focus*, is taking shape and you won't want to miss the aviation community's premier conference on April 6-7, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C.

Produced in partnership with Access Intelligence, the parent company of *Avionics Magazine*, the RTCA Spring Symposium will bring together key FAA and industry leaders that are finalizing the plans for NextGen and moving to implement operational capabilities to improve the safety, efficiency, security, and environmental impact of the aviation industry. FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt has agreed to deliver the address at the RTCA Award Luncheon on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

The Symposium program includes two closely-related sessions on the FAA's NextGen Implementation Plan. First, the FAA will present its response to the recommendations of the RTCA NextGen Mid-Term Implementation Task Force and provide an overview of the 2010 NextGen Implementation Plan. This will be followed by a series of government and industry presentations highlighting progress on NextGen Implementation activities. Attendees will hear the latest on the integration of NextGen Task Force recommendations into the FAA's plans; learn what

it takes to implement the NextGen in a complex Metroplex; and appreciate how the business case for NextGen can be improved by using analysis to drive implementation decision-making. In the Symposium's concluding panel discussion, key FAA officials, congressional staffers, and representatives of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Department of Transportation Inspector General will consider the policy and political implications of implementing NextGen. Throughout this 1½ day event, attendees will hear from the industry figures who are developing policies, implementing services, making investment decisions, and overseeing the system's transition.

In addition to the attending the Symposium sessions, attendees will have ample time for networking, participating in our Annual Award Luncheon, and enjoying an aviation community reception.

Plan now to join key US and international leaders from government and industry as they provide unique insights into the critical activities underway to ensure the successful evolution to NextGen.

RTCA Chairman Ed Bolen, President and CEO of NBAA, RTCA President Margaret Jenny, and members of the RTCA Policy Board look forward to seeing you in April. For more information or to register, visit www.RTCASpringSymposium.com. ❖

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