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Abbotsford Airport Launches Aerospace and Technology Cluster

ABBOTSFORD August 11, 2016: The Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) in conjunction with industry partners is proud to launch the new Aerospace & Technology Cluster.

The Aerospace and Technology Cluster is a web based platform that will help local Abbotsford aerospace industry promote their capabilities to the global marketplace in a unified voice. It will offer advanced product and service innovation through its partnerships with the nation-leading aerospace companies operating at YXX and the future commercial partnerships based within the Cluster located at the airport.

“Aerospace is one of our key economic sectors in Abbotsford and this ‘cluster’ business model approach helps strengthen our existing international strategies,” said Mayor Henry Braun. “By leveraging pre-existing commercial relationships, as well as capturing new opportunities, the participating organizations will help to demonstrate and promote the strategic viability of our international airport and aerospace sectors to a wider international market.”

The Abbotsford International Airport provides BC’s lower mainland with the connectivity it needs as it moves forward to establish itself as an aerospace hub.

“The airport’s business model is built to empower entrepreneurs and support our growing world-class aerospace communities,” said Dave Holmberg, Chair of the Abbotsford Airport Authority. “The airport has been extremely successful using this unique approach and it will continue to succeed due to the solid business partnerships built over the years.”

The participating organizations are dedicated to four areas of intervention; Service Support and Engineering, Flight Operations and Training, Technology and Research Development, and Consulting Services and Industry Associations.

“British Columbia is home to world class aerospace companies with a vast range of capabilities” said AIAC-Pacific Vice President Mike Mueller. “We are pleased to support the Abbotsford International Airport, and will continue to work our industry partners to build a unified and sustainable aerospace cluster in BC.”

The Aerospace and Technology Cluster is a partnership with nation-leading aerospace companies operating in BC’s lower mainland, working together to build a better future. For further information, please visit <http://cluster.aero/>.

The participating companies are listed in the following background information sheet.

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