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Competition for the Sky 2008

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The Mirage

3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd.

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The 2008 Competition for the Sky Conference, "Managing the Competing Demands within the National Airspace System (NAS)" is an integrated educational, networking and social event focusing on competing operational demands in the NAS. Delegates attending the conference will gain insight and guidance from system regulators and users regarding NAS operations and requirements.

Protecting the safety and improving the efficiency of the NAS are absolute priorities for users, operators, and regulators. Join us in Las Vegas from September 29th to October 2nd, 2008 as we identify objectives and strategies to satisfy competing demands for airspace while maintaining and enhancing the safety and efficiency of the NAS.

For the first time, this conference will bring together federal, state and local authorities, alongside military, commercial and private NAS users. The event will provide a clear understanding on relevant issues concerning shared utilization of the NAS in order to provide policymakers with a common understanding of related issues. Some of the topics include, but are not limited to, Marking and Lighting, Wind Turbines, Crane Operations, Airport Encroachment/Zoning, and Radar Interference. Protecting the airspace is a common factor and the conference is designed to voice future strategies to ensure the NAS is protected now and in the future.

The conference will cover the following areas:

Transparency: How the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is utilizing electronic means to share aeronautical data and encourage a common operating system for users both on the ground and in the air.

Collaboration: How FAA is working with the competing demands on the diminishing natural resource that is the NAS, to ensure that: (1) the NAS is not diminished in capacity and efficiency; (2) efforts are continued to build partnerships with Stakeholders in order to ensure that all interests are recognized, understood and considered in an aeronautical study; (3) all Stakeholders come together at the same table to develop favorable determinations that allow for proposed construction and will not diminish the NAS; (4) partnerships with Industry Groups are ongoing to address growing trends and creating new processes to preserve and protect the NAS, today and in the future.

The conference brings NAS stakeholders together to identify individual objectives and strategies to satisfy competing user demands while maintaining and enhancing safety and efficiency of the NAS. More than 450 delegates are expected.