

DRAFT PROGRAM: **US AVIATION DELEGATION TRIP 2018: THE GULF COAST** **MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, FLORIDA**

**ORGANIZED BY THE EUROPEAN AMERICAN INVESTMENT COUNCIL (EAIC) IN COOPERATION
WITH NIEDERSACHSEN AVIATION**

Date: *September 23-28, 2018 (Su. – Fr.)*

Background:

The European American Investment Council ([EAIC](#)) is a membership organization that serves as the European representative of selected US counties, regions and chambers of commerce. It is our mission to promote transatlantic trade and investment. With our more than 80 community members from 20 US states and our far-reaching network of distinguished experts, we are able to offer a unique range of services to support European companies looking to enter or expand in the US market.

To this end, the EAIC cooperates with [Niedersachsen Aviation](#), the official representative of the key aerospace cluster of the State of Niedersachsen, to lead a delegation of European aviation companies to the United States to learn more about the local business environment and connect to local leaders of the aviation industry. On our Inbound Delegation 2017, which led us from Kansas and Oklahoma to Texas, we were able to visit both key OEM's, as well as leading Tier 1 suppliers.

This year, the EAIC and Niedersachsen Aviation are planning to bring a delegation of European aviation companies to the aviation corridor of the US Gulf Coast, stretching from Southern Mississippi to Alabama and Northeastern Florida – an up and coming aerospace cluster that now ranks as the 4th largest in the United States. Given the size of the US aviation market, and its importance for the European aviation industry in particular, the EAIC and Niedersachsen Aviation Inbound Delegation 2018 provides a unique opportunity to European companies to connect to local industry and expand their market footprint.

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Preliminary Itinerary:

<p>Sunday 23rd September</p>	<p>Gulfport, Mississippi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrival ▪ Joint Dinner and Briefing on the Week Ahead by Matthias Beier, President and CEO of the EAIC
<p>Monday 24th September</p>	<p>Gulfport, Mississippi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breakfast hosted by the Mississippi Chamber of Commerce and Welcoming Remarks by Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi <p>→ <i>Transfer to Hattiesburg, MS</i></p>
	<p>Hattiesburg, Mississippi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Visit with GE Aviation ▪ Networking Lunch with Local Aviation Companies and Community Representatives <p>→ <i>Transfer to Pascagoula, MS</i></p>
	<p>Pascagoula, Mississippi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Visit with Northrop Grumman at the Jackson County Aviation Technology Park ▪ Reception and Dinner hosted by Local Chamber of Commerce and Networking with Local Aviation Companies
<p>Tuesday 25th September</p>	<p>Pascagoula, Mississippi</p>	<p>→ <i>Transfer to Mobile, AL</i></p>
	<p>Mobile, Alabama</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit to the Mobile Aeroplex ▪ Company Visit with Airbus (Engineering & Final Assembly Line) & Local Supplier Workshop <p>→ <i>Transfer to Foley, AL</i></p>
	<p>Foley, Alabama</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Visit with UTC Aerospace Systems ▪ Lunch with Local Community Leaders and Aviation Companies <p>→ <i>Transfer to Crestview, Florida</i></p>

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	Crestview, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint Dinner and Reception by the Crestview Chamber of Commerce and Local Aviation Companies
Wednesday 26th September	Crestview, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Visit with BAE Systems or L3 Aerospace Crestview → <i>Transfer to Panama City Beach, FL</i>
	Panama City Beach, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Networking Lunch with Local Community and Representatives of GKN and other Local Aviation Companies → <i>Transfer to Jacksonville, FL</i>
	Jacksonville, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming Reception by the JAX Partnership Including Community Leaders and Local Aviation Companies
Thursday 27th September	Jacksonville, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company Visit with Embraer ▪ Company Visit with Kaman Aerosystems or Carlisle Interconnected Technologies ▪ Joint Dinner with Local Community Leaders and Representatives from Local Aviation Companies
Friday 28th September	Jacksonville, Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breakfast & De-Briefing ▪ Individual Departure

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Company Information:



[GE Aviation](#), 135 Technology Blvd, Ellisville, MS 39437, USA

GE Aviation is one of the world's largest providers of jet engines and services for commercial, military, business and general aviation. A business segment of General Electric, GE Aviation produces large and small jet, turboprop, and turbo shaft propulsion systems.

The company produces engine parts in their manufacturing facilities in Ellisville, near Hattiesburg, Mississippi. In 2017, GE Aviation partnered with Praxair Inc. to add a new facility to their local site that specializes in advanced coatings for jet engines.



[Northrop Grumman](#), 8319 Avtech Parkway, Moss Point, MS 39563, USA

One of the most cutting-edge aerospace assembly operations in the Gulf Coast I-10 region is the Northrop Grumman Unmanned Systems Center in Moss Point, Miss. Opened in 2006, workers at the plant make the center fuselage for all variants of the Global Hawk fixed-wing surveillance aircraft, including the Navy's Triton maritime variant (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, UAV).



[Airbus America](#), 320 Airbus Way, Mobile, AL 36615, USA

Announced in 2012 and completed in 2015, the Airbus final assembly line in Mobile, AL, joined the already existing Airbus engineering and service facilities. As the only assembly plant for the American market, Airbus' Mobile facility completed the first locally assembled A320 in 2016. With its 470,000 m² facility completed, the company aims to produce four to five jetliners each month.



[UTC Aerospace Systems](#), 111 Airport Dr, Foley, AL 36535, USA

UTC Aerospace Systems is one of the world's leading providers of aerospace systems and services for large commercial aircraft. In Foley, AL, the company produces a vast range of components ranging from electric power generation, management and distribution to engine control, reconnaissance systems and aerostructures. With a recent expansion in 2017, the workforce of the company has risen to 1,000 people.

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BAE SYSTEMS

[BAE Systems](#), 5795 John Givens Rd, Crestview,
FL 32539, USA

BAE Systems is a leading global defense, aerospace and security company that employs 83,100 people worldwide. In Crestview, the company manufactures instrumentation radar, electro optics, system upgrades, as well as tracking, training and launch range instrumentation.



[L3 Crestview Aerospace](#), 5486 Fairchild Rd,
Crestview, FL 32539, USA

L3 Crestview Aerospace (L3 CA) is a segment of L3 Technologies. L3 Technologies has multiple sub-division, including Aerospace, Electronic Systems, Communication Systems and Sensor Systems. At their Crestview plant, the company produces major and minor airframe structures for the commercial and defense industries.



[GKN Aerospace](#), Venture Crossings Blvd
Panama City, FL 32409, USA

GKN Aerospace is the subdivision of the global engineering company GKN that was founded more than 250 years ago and now employs roughly 58,000 globally. The aerospace subdivision employs a total of 17,500 employees, and specializes in innovative solutions including lightweight composites, additive manufacturing and innovative engine systems.



[Embraer](#), 2110 Cole Flyer Road, Jacksonville, FL
32218

Embraer is the leading aircraft manufacturer from Brazil, with segments including commercial aviation, executive aviation, defense & security and agricultural aviation. In 2013, Embraer opened a 3700 m² facility in Jacksonville that produces light aircraft at the Jacksonville International Airport. The full range of capabilities of the Jacksonville site include pre-equipping, mechanical assembly, structural assembly, systems installation and flight testing.



KAMAN

[Kamran Aerosystems](#), 780 Whittaker Rd,
Jacksonville, FL 32218, USA

Kaman Aerosystems is a subdivision of the Kaman Corporation, specializing in structures and systems for both OEM and Tier 1 applications. In their Jacksonville plant, the company produces parts for fixed-wing airplanes and helicopters. Its costumers range from Boeing to Sikorsky and Bell Helicopter.

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[Carlisle Interconnected Technologies](#), 100
Tensolite Dr, St. Augustine, FL 32092

Carlisle Interconnected Technologies focuses on providing solutions for the Aerospace, Military, Space, Test and Measurement, Industrial and Medical Technology markets. Within the commercial aerospace sector, the company's product portfolio includes, among others, wire and cable, connectors, contacts, cable assemblies, sitcom, complex harnesses, racks, trays and installation kits. One of the largest employers in the state, the company employs 600 people locally.

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Registration:

The registration fee of €2.500 includes all U.S. travel (transatlantic flight is NOT covered), accommodation and catering. We are also able to assist you with further booking arrangements.

The trip will be accompanied by Norbert Steinkemper (Project Manager Industrial Networks and International Affairs, Niedersachsen Aviation Hamburg-Harburg) and Matthias Beier (President and CEO, European American Investment Council).

Participant's Data (please complete):

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Additional Comments &
suggestions (i.e. company
visits)

We are glad to welcome you on our unique trip! Please send your registration to huppertz@eaic-fdi.com.

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