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I-90 CORRIDOR
AEROSPACE EXPO
SPRING CONFERENCE

On May 31 to June 2, Idaho Aerospace Alliance (IDA) and Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium (INWAC) are sponsoring the **'I90 Aerospace Corridor Conference and EXPO'** at the Coeur d'Alene Resort to showcase the region's growing cluster of aerospace businesses. With a higher multiplier effect and significantly higher wages than state averages, the aerospace industry is generating a powerful & positive impact to the regional economy.

The theme of the event is *Aerospace Manufacturing Supply Chain Development*. Keynote speaker is Garen P. Moreno from BMW Aerospace Group, who will talk on the growing future of the commercial aerospace sector and opportunities for manufacturers. Idaho Lt. Governor Brad Little will kick off the EXPO session where John Byrne, Vice President of Procurement, Aircraft Materials and Structures, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, will address trends in aerospace manufacturing. Other speakers are Jack Ambrosiani from Cygnus, Inc. and Dean Cameron from Multifab will address opportunities for manufacturers to do business with Tier 1 & 2 companies, challenges faced and successes achieved.

The aerospace industry is growing in northern Idaho. Hidden amongst the beautiful lakes and pine trees is a thriving cluster of businesses, covering a range of activities in design, development, production and operation of aircraft. Its proximity to the multi-billion dollar, global aerospace industry in Seattle, overall growth in air travel, increased demand for passengers and freight, competitive operating costs in the region, and availability of an excellent workforce are fueling the growth.

About IDA and INWAC: The Idaho Aerospace Alliance (IDA) has strategic alliances with the education community along with various state agencies to build the aerospace industry within the state. Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium (INWAC) is a regional alliance of advanced manufacturers, service providers, and affiliates that work in concert to support the growth and success of the Inland Northwest aerospace cluster. IDA and INWAC have close to 150 tier 1, 2 and 3 suppliers, working together along the Interstate 90 corridor feeding the aerospace industry, regionally, nationally and globally. From 2003-2007, Idaho employment in this sector grew 17.6%, with projections through 2022 expected to outpace other sectors by 3.6% annually

For more information about this event, or for sponsorship details:

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