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**FIRST AEROSPACE SUPPLIER MISSION IN 5 CHINESE CITIES
TO PROMOTE U.S.-CHINESE INDUSTRY INTERACTION**

The American Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China will attend industry related meetings in Shanghai from October 29th to October 30th, 2008.

The mission is the first bilateral interchange between Chinese and U.S. aerospace industry manufacturers and service providers. Jointly organized by the Commerce Department's Aerospace & Defense Technologies Team and the U.S. Embassy Commercial Service, the mission aims to introduce U.S. companies to Chinese joint-venture partners and explore supplier opportunities under other aerospace programs. Participating companies will visit China's major aerospace industry hubs in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, and Guangzhou; they will meet with the leadership from the China Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), China Aviation Industry Corporation 1 (AVIC1), and China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation (CATIC) and participate in the China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition (Airshow China) in Zhuhai.

During this week-long mission, interested local Chinese distributors, end users, and aerospace companies will have the opportunity to meet with participating U.S. companies to expand their businesses through partnerships from first-tier suppliers to second- and third-tier suppliers further down the supply chain. Furthermore, the participation of U.S. enterprises in Airshow China will also provide another occasion for increased interaction between Chinese and U.S. aerospace industries.

Led by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the delegation consists of representatives from: AEC Inc., Ametek HCC Industries, Carlton Forge Works, Industrial Metals International Ltd., KGS Electronics, LeFiell Manufacturing Company, Perform Air International, Phillips Service Industries, Inc., Flightparts LLC, and TSI Group, Inc.

As the leader in the aerospace industry and the leading parts supplier in the world, the United States has much to offer to Chinese companies, especially as China's aerospace industry aims to develop independently in manufacturing and other sectors. With China's aerospace sector ranking among the world's most dynamic, Chinese aerospace companies have rapidly developed into major players in the industry's global value chain. The total U.S.-China aerospace trade has increased more than 200 percent from 2003-2007, reaching 45,324 Million in 2007.

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