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## **NJASAP TO ATTEND NBAA CONVENTION**

*Labor advocate emphasizes importance of collaboration in business aviation community*

(COLUMBUS) – NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) representatives will join hundreds of business aviation stakeholders – manufacturers, vendors, associations and service providers – this week at the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) 2013 Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition in Las Vegas. The annual convention draws more than 25,000 visitors, and NJASAP intends to capitalize on this opportunity to further establish itself as a partner, resource and advocate of business aviation.

“With our sector of the aviation industry under attack on various fronts, NJASAP fully understands that protecting our Membership’s interests means taking an active role in defending business aviation,” NJASAP President FO John Malmberg said. “Without question, we will partner with fellow industry stakeholders when our interests align to exert the maximum possible leverage to achieve that objective.”

To that end, two of NJASAP’s four government affairs initiatives are industry-facing: The Association vigorously opposes the imposition of per-segment user fees on business jet owners and strongly supports efforts to enhance the industry’s safety record. “In addition to the uninformed rhetoric of pundits who seek to disparage an industry that contributes \$150 billion to the U.S. economy each year and provides 1.2 million jobs to hard working Americans, we are assailed by continuing attempts to extract additional taxes and fees from business aviation users and owners,” NJASAP Vice President of Industry Affairs Capt. Coley George said. “For that very reason, NJASAP maintains an active presence on Capitol Hill as we view educating our nation’s lawmakers about our industry as an organizational imperative.”

Business and labor interests will not align 100 percent of the time, George continued, but NJASAP is certainly not so short-sighted as to eschew collaboration opportunities when they present themselves. Establishing itself as the pre-eminent resource for the pilot perspective on these issues motivated NJASAP to purchase booth space at the NBAA convention this year. “Just as we vigorously advocate on behalf of our members and owners, we will work with the same tenacity to protect our industry. We view attendance at the NBAA event as another step in that process.”

Additional information about NJASAP and its industry affairs objectives can be found at the Association web site, <http://www.njasap.com>.

**About NJASAP** Founded in 2008 as an independent labor affiliate, the NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) is responsible for representing the professional interests of the 3,000-plus pilots who fly in the service of NetJets Aviation, Inc. Based on Columbus, Ohio, the Association is governed by a nine-member Executive Board, who is supported by seven professional staff members and a network of 150-plus volunteers who manage more than 20 committees.

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