



Choctaw Nation UASIPP

PRESS RELEASE

Choctaw Nation Annual Emerging Aviation Technology Conference Announces Speaker Line Up

DURANT, Okla. (April 5, 2019) –The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma announced today the conference schedule for the 2nd Annual Emerging Aviation Technology Conference on April 18, 2019 in Durant, Okla. Attendees will learn about the future of aviation and the progress on the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program (UASIPP).

The morning will begin with opening remarks from Oklahoma House of Representatives Speaker Charles McCall and Chief Gary Batton. Keynote speakers include: Dr. Jaiwon Shin, NASA Associate Administrator; Michael Kratsios, U.S. Deputy Chief Technology Officer and Deputy Assistant to the President at the White House Office of Science and Technology and Kirk Shaffer, FAA Associate Administrator for Airports. Throughout the day there will be several panel discussions led by thought leaders and experts in aviation and related technologies. For more information and the complete agenda please visit www.cnoaa.com.

“We are proud to bring these experts and thought leaders to southeastern Oklahoma to discuss the latest in the urban air mobility and unmanned aerial systems,” states Brian Post, senior director strategic research and development for Choctaw Nation’s Division of Commerce. “This year’s line-up includes a great mix of insights on the latest trends, technical content and unique perspectives from prominent experts in their field.”

Choctaw Nation and The Oklahoma State UAS team will also be showcasing drone technology operations at the conference, contingent on suitable weather conditions.

For more information and the complete agenda please visit <https://cnoaa.com/event>.

To register for the conference please visit the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-emerging-aviation-technology-conference-tickets-58006032605> The early bird rate is \$129 and is available until April 9. Please use promo code: EARLYBIRD19. All attendees that register after April 9 will pay \$179. Members of the press are invited to attend free of charge. To receive a press pass and register for the conference please contact Kristina Humenesky at khumesky@choctawnation.com

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About Choctaw Nations UASIPP Program

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Pilot Program (IPP) is an initiative announced in October 2017 by President Trump, to begin safely testing and validating advanced operations for UAS (“drones”) in partnership with tribal, state and local governments in select jurisdictions. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is one of 10 selectees announced from a competitive pool of more than 200 tribal, state and city governments.

Results from this Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) pilot program will be used to accelerate the safe integration of UAS into the national airspace and to realize the benefits of unmanned technology in our economy.

About Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

The Choctaw Nation is the third largest Indian Nation in the United States with close to 200,000 tribal members and 10,000 employees. The first tribe over the Trail of Tears, the historic boundaries are in the southeast corner of Oklahoma. The Choctaw Nation’s vision, “Living out the Chahta Spirit of faith, family and culture,” is evident as it continues to focus on providing opportunities for growth and prosperity. For more information about the Choctaw Nation, its culture, heritage and traditions, please go to www.choctawnation.com.

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