Airline/energy producer forum advances environmentally friendly alternative jet fuel implementation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 2008 – On Sept. 9, the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative concluded a two-day summit bringing the commercial aviation sector closer to implementing commercially viable, environmentally friendly alternative jet fuels. The meeting of CAAFI’s Business and Economics Team, co-hosted by CAAFI, the Department of Commerce, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Air Transport Association of America, brought together 130 representatives of the commercial aviation and alternative fuels development and production communities.

In addition to refining CAAFI’s established roadmaps for addressing technical and approval hurdles for alternative jet fuel implementation, the meeting resulted in strengthened relationships among the airlines and potential alternative fuel suppliers, which will significantly advance commercial negotiations that are critical to deployment. “The CAAFI business meeting demonstrates that the commercial aviation sector has the desire and the unique skills to lead the march toward eco-friendly alternative fuels,” said CAAFI executive director Richard L. Altman.

CAAFI is an international coalition of airlines, aircraft and equipment manufacturers, airports, fuel suppliers, universities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government agencies.

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