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AEROSPACE INDUSTRY INITIATIVE SUMMARY
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BACKGROUND

The Aerospace Leadership Team meets bi-monthly to continue to drive implementation of its initiatives.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- The Committee Chair has transferred the Maryland Aerospace Industry Career and Education Information Portal (<http://www.marylandaerospace.com/>), hosted by SGT, Inc., to another platform so that it may be easily updated. The Committee's workgroup has carefully reviewed the entire contents, testing the existing links, and suggesting edits to the site so that information is current. After several conference calls, they met on November 26, 2013, to discuss in detail the changes to be made. Committee members are currently updating the site, which will then go live, perhaps by the end of March. Future updates will be performed by the Chair or the GWIB Coordinator. The Committee expects this Portal to create relationships among those in the industry in order to increase interest in aerospace. For example, a "What's New" feature will be added so that pertinent information will be available, along with labor market information on aerospace careers and links to explanations of those careers. The sections targeted to students are also being rewritten so that they better appeal to young people.
- The Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA), Hagerstown campus, will hold a graduation ceremony on December 20, 2013. Of the 12 graduates, three have already obtained employment; in fact, they are currently working part time for their employer. Especially noteworthy is that one graduate is a female veteran, who has received a scholarship from the National Business Aviation Association to continue her studies. Only 4% of the aeronautics industry is female, and, on other PIA campuses, female graduates are heavily recruited and 100% are placed.

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