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2018
WASHINGTON FLY-IN
PROVIDE LONG-TERM FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FUNDING.
Aviation maintenance technician schools rely on the FAA for certifications and oversight. Failing to provide the agency sufficient resources results in administrative delays, ultimately undermining the ability to educate students. ATEC urges Congress to move expeditiously on legislation that would provide long-term funding to prevent aviation maintenance education programs from being detrimentally impacted by inadequate agency resources.

MODERNIZE OUTDATED FAA MAINTENANCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL REGULATIONS.
The regulation dictating what educational institutions must teach aspiring aviation maintenance mechanics has not been significantly updated in more than 50 years. In an age where technological advances are constantly driving innovation for safer and more efficient aircraft, schools are required to teach techniques for constructing and maintaining the Wright Flyer. Industry is left with the cost of retraining graduates to complete basic tasks required to maintain a modern, sophisticated aircraft.
ATEC strongly supports S.2792, A bill to modernize training programs at aviation maintenance technician schools, which would mandate FAA promulgation of part 147 within six months.
See related opinion piece from TheHill.com, Aviation struggles with 50-year-old maintenance training regulation.

SUPPORT A SKILLED AND DYNAMIC AVIATION WORKFORCE.
Despite facing a shortage of qualified technical workers, the aviation maintenance industry is growing and hiring. Federal funding and support of local workforce programs would train a new generation of skilled workers for high-paying jobs. Congress should focus on career and technical education programs that create new opportunities for collaboration between employers, government agencies and educational institutions to build programs that align with business needs while reinforcing the importance of applied skills.
Specifically, ATEC strongly supports the Aviation Maintenance Workforce Bill (S.2506/H.R.5701) that would incentivize workforce collaborations among businesses, labor organizations, schools and governmental entities.

ABOUT ATEC
ATEC is a partnership of aviation maintenance training schools and employers. The council is dedicated to promoting and supporting technician education through its communications, advocacy programs and networking events.
FLY-IN AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
WELCOME HAPPY HOUR
Vermilion,  
1120 King Street, Alexandria VA 22314
Mix and mingle with fellow attendees for casual drinks and appetizers. After, take advantage of all the fantastic dinner options Old Town has to offer.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Helicopter Association International (HAI),  
1920 Ballenger Ave, 4th Floor, Alexandria

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM
WELCOME

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM
INTRODUCTIONS, UPDATES AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Hear what the council is doing for and through its members and how these initiatives are reflected in the agenda, to ensure attendees get the most out of the two-day event.

Crystal Maguire, Executive Director, ATEC
Jared Britt, Director of Maintenance, Southern Utah University & Legislative Committee Chair, ATEC

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY BRIEFING
Get an overview of what’s on the regulatory agenda for the year, and status on the implementation of the Future of Flight Standards.

John Duncan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
NETWORKING BREAK
FLY-IN AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FEDERAL INITIATIVES IN CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION
There is heightened interest in workforce development, apprenticeship programs and community partnerships. Get a briefing on the current administration’s initiatives, the recently-enacted Perkins reauthorization law, and what’s on the horizon for career technical education.
Dr. Michael Wooten, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
LUNCH

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
AVIATION POLICY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
Workforce development issues are getting a lot of attention on Capitol Hill. Get a briefing on S.2506 and S.2792, two pieces of legislation that greatly impact aviation maintenance education, and the current status of FAA reauthorization.
Daniel J. Hillenbrand, Legislative Assistant, Senator James M. Inhofe (R-OK)
Monique Mullenaux Laing, Legislative Aide, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM
NETWORKING BREAK

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
CHOOSE AEROSPACE
Aerospace stakeholders join together to address one of the biggest threats to continued industry growth: the availability of a diverse, qualified technical workforce.
Andy Hakes, Executive Vice President Airline Operations, AireXpert
Mitch Mirsky, Principal, Black Lab Digital, LLC

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
OPEN DISCUSSION AND HILL MEETING PREPARATION

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
DINNER AT BUGSY’S PIZZA
Bugsy’s Pizza
111 King Street, Alexandria VA 22314
FLY-IN AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:15 AM
BUS DEPARTS FOR CAPITOL HILL, FROM HOTEL

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
BREAKFAST AND ORIENTATION
Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING
Get an update on congressional initiatives impacting career technical education.
James Brown, Executive Director, STEM Education Coalition

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS ON CAPITOL HILL
Attendees attend self-scheduled meetings with representatives and senators.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
LUNCHEON AND COMMITTEE POLICY BRIEFING
Capitol Visitor’s Center, Room SC-4
Get an update on House transportation committee initiatives and policy objectives, and an overview of recent legislative actions impacting technician education.
Holly E. Woodruff Lyons, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Aviation

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2075
Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Member, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
BOARD MEETING — HAI
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3350 SOUTH GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD, WICHITA KS

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019
- Student Career Fair 12:00 to 4:00 PM
- Educator Networking Reception 4:30 to 6:30 PM

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