

## Partners

*GoFly has partnered with the world's leading aerospace, aviation and engineering organizations. Together, we will make people fly.*



### Grand Sponsor

Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners, defense, space and security systems, and service provider of aftermarket support. As America's biggest manufacturing exporter, the company supports airlines and U.S. and allied government customers in more than 150 countries. Boeing products and tailored services include commercial and military aircraft, satellites, weapons, electronic and defense systems, launch systems, advanced information and communication systems, and performance-based logistics and training.



### The Vertical Flight Technical Society

### Partner

The American Helicopter Society (AHS) International is the world's oldest and largest technical society dedicated to enhancing the understanding of vertical flight technology. AHS International is a non-profit education and technical organization. Since it was founded in 1943 — just as the first US helicopter was being put into service — the Society has been the primary forum for interchange of information on vertical flight technology. According to the AHS Bylaws, the purpose of the Society is to "advance the theory and practices of the science of vertical flight aircraft."

### Quote

*"The GoFly Prize is a unique opportunity to change the future of vertical flight, and AHS International is very pleased to be working with the GoFly team to help make this possible. We've been helping to support the GoFly team in developing the competition for the past two years, and we look forward to helping the teams to be as successful as they can be for this exciting competition," says Mike Hirschberg, AHS Executive Director.*



### Partner

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) is the world's largest aerospace professional society, serving a diverse range of more than 30,000 individual members from 88 countries, and 95 corporate members. In addition to membership, AIAA offers five forums and award-winning publications. In addition, AIAA leads the way on issue advocacy that impacts the aerospace sector, and

through the Institute's AIAA Foundation provides grants and other support for STEM K-12 programs.



**Partner**

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is the world's largest community of pilots. Operating out of offices in Frederick, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Wichita, Kansas, AOPA exists to protect and to grow the incredible privilege that we call general aviation. Whether it is through educating the public about the fun and the utility that aircraft can provide, preparing resources and training material to enhance the skills of pilots everywhere, or advocating for aviation within government agencies — it is our job to maintain the strength and vitality of the flying community.

**Quote**

*“AOPA’s mission is to ensure the skies are within reach of everyone. The GoFly Prize will encourage innovators, inventors and dreamers to help make vertical flight one step closer to mainstream,” says Katie Pribyl, SVP of AOPA.*



**Partner**

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is a growing and diverse community of more than 200,000 aviation enthusiasts who promote and support recreational flying, general aviation, and experimental amateur built aircraft. Founded in 1953 by a group of individuals who were interested in building their own airplanes, EAA expanded its mission of growing participation in aviation to include antiques, classics, warbirds, aerobatic aircraft, ultralights, helicopters, and contemporary manufactured aircraft. The organization is headquartered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and hosts the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in convention every July.

**Quote**

*“EAA is proud to support the inaugural GoFly Prize. Our roots have always been strong in aviation experimentation, exploration and the freedom to fly. There’s no better way to continue to evolve and grow the spirit of aviation than partnering with the sponsors, groups and mentors involved in this incredible endeavor. Innovation in our industry comes from many sources and the teams entering this contest will no doubt be among those defining the future of flight,” says Jack Pelton, EAA CEO and chairman.*



**Partner**

AUVSI is the world's largest nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to advancing the unmanned systems and robotics community. Serving more than 7,500 members from government organizations, industry and academia, AUVSI is committed to fostering, developing and promoting unmanned systems and robotics technologies. AUVSI members support the defense, civil and commercial sectors.



**Partner**

SAE International is a global association committed to being the ultimate knowledge source for the engineering profession. By uniting over 127,000 engineers and technical experts, we drive knowledge and expertise across a broad spectrum of industries. We act on two priorities: encouraging a lifetime of learning for mobility engineering professionals and setting the standards for industry engineering. We strive for a better world through the work of our philanthropic SAE Foundation, including programs like A World in Motion® and the Collegiate Design Series™.

SAE International has 700 standards development technical committees and 17,000 technical professional volunteers from countries around the world. They serve every aspect of industry from vehicle design and integration to build, manufacture, operate, and maintain; and they address critical issues on everything from fuel to weather conditions, materials to electronics, engine power to energy mandates.



**Partner**

Founded in 1970, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) is a global trade association fostering and advancing the general welfare, safety, interests and activities of the business and general aviation industry around the world. GAMA currently represents over 100 of the world's leading manufacturers of general aviation airplanes and rotorcraft, engines, avionics, components and related services. In 2015, GAMA created a new membership category and a committee to facilitate and represent innovation in the general aviation industry with focus in the area of hybrid and electric propulsion efforts.

**Quote**

*“GAMA is proud to partner with GoFly on this exciting new initiative, which will spur interest in general aviation and the technologies of the future,” says Pete Bunce, GAMA President and CEO.*



**Partner**

From its beginning in 1955 when six civilian test pilots met for lunch at a café near Edwards Air Force Base in California, The Society of Experimental Test Pilots has grown into an internationally recognized organization with over 2,400 members in 33 countries. Our goal is to prevent accidents and loss of life by improving safety, design and flight test of aerospace vehicles and their related systems. SETP promotes safety, efficiency and professionalism in flight test through our regional and international symposia, flight test safety workshops and collaboration with other professional organizations.



**Partner**

The Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) is the world’s only professional body dedicated to the entire aerospace community. The Society promotes the highest professional standards in all aerospace disciplines; provides specialist information; acts as a central forum for the exchange of ideas; and plays a leading role in influencing opinion on aerospace and aviation matters.



**Partner**

3AF is the French Aerospace Society, founded in 1945, bringing together 60 companies, research institutes and universities, as well as more than 1200 individual members. Through its 20 technical committees and 11 regional entities, 3AF produces studies in the various fields of the future of aerospace and makes proposals to decision makers. Representing the French aerospace community in European and International entities, 3AF organizes 10 symposia and international conferences per year. Each year the association recognizes the work of its members and of high personalities granting various categories of Awards.



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Founded in 1919, the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) is the most authoritative and influential trade association representing the U.S. aerospace and defense industry on Capitol Hill, within the administration and internationally. As the Voice of American aerospace and defense, AIA has fueled American progress and leadership in national security, civil aviation, and space. Through AIA, aerospace and defense manufacturers, supported by a workforce of

2.4 million skilled employees, advocate for policies that protect the interests of our nation and our industry.

**Quote**

*“Innovation is at the heart of America’s aerospace and defense industry. The technological advances that have come out of our proud and patriotic workforce have made us stronger, prosperous, and more secure as a nation. Programs like GoFly continue to press those same boundaries of innovation, and continue to inspire the next generation of the American workforce,” says Dave Melcher, President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association.*



**Partner**

Founded in 1897, the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) is a global society of individual, institutional, and corporate members. ASEE seeks to be the pre-eminent authority on the education of engineering professionals by advancing innovation, excellence, and access at all levels of education. ASEE engages with engineering faculty, business leaders, college and high school students, parents, and teachers to enhance the engineering workforce of the nation. We are the only professional society addressing opportunities and challenges spanning all engineering disciplines, working across the breadth of academic education, research, and public service.

**Quote**

*“ASEE is pleased to partner with GoFly in encouraging creativity and innovation in tomorrow’s engineers. We believe that hands-on experiential learning activities such as the GoFly Prize are essential to the professional formation of engineers,” says Norman Fortenberry, ASEE Executive Director.*



**Partner**

Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to expand corporate, government and academic alliances to implement and support programs to attract, educate, graduate and place underrepresented minority students in engineering careers.

**Quote**

*“For the past 24 years, Advancing Minorities’ Interest in Engineering (AMIE) has been committed to ensuring the STEM Pipeline has diverse*



*and exceptional talent for academia, industry, and government agencies. We believe in order to increase the STEM Pipeline, we must give those dreamers, creators, thinkers access to programs like GoFly to allow them to explore the possibilities and create innovative solutions for tomorrow's challenges," says Veronica L. Nelson, Executive Director of AMIE.*