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## **First Aviation Event Hosted by the WiMAX Forum®**

### ***AeroMACS Summit attracts over 100 attendees***

WiMAX Aviation 2013 was a success! Collocated with the WiMAX Forum Member Conference at Hilton Crystal City in Washington, DC, USA, this first Aviation Event drew more than 100 attendees bringing together the key players of the Aviation Community and WiMAX ecosystem to discuss opportunities for WiMAX in the Aviation Community.

AeroMACS is IEEE 802.16e (WiMAX) technology applied to create a new airport (surface) communication system that is robust, efficient, secure, safe, and flexible. Through this event and the WiMAX Forum Aviation Working Group activities, the Forum continues to facilitate the ability “to certify WiMAX base station and subscriber station equipment for the AeroMACS application on the airport surface,” says Brian Crowe, Vice Chair of the Aviation Working Group and Senior Advisory Engineer of Hitachi.

WiMAX Aviation 2013 illustrated the tremendous potential and highlighted the interest in delivering broadband wireless services to the Aviation Industry using WiMAX technology. The event cultivated thoughtful discussions on a wide range of topics that included the big-picture vision and strategy for airport systems in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and more specifics, such as AeroMACS trial deployments and certification for AeroMACS equipment and devices.

Attendees were treated to a full two-day program, including speakers from WiMAX vendors; airlines; airport authorities; various government representatives from the United States, Europe and Asia; and other groups. The WiMAX Forum would like to extend a special thank you to our supporters—FAA, EUROCONTROL, SESAR, JCAB, and CARATS—and our generous sponsors, WiMAX Forum members CelPlan Technologies and Hitachi.

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“We couldn’t have been happier with the quality and candor of the technical and commercial discussion”, said Declan Byrne, President of the WiMAX Forum. “We were particularly impressed by the participation of such important international figures such as Nancy Graham, Director of the Air Navigation Bureau in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), whose remarks made clear to participants the international support for this new market segment for WiMAX”.

On the link below, you can find the highlight pictures posted on our Facebook page:

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The WiMAX Forum continues to offer invaluable events to the Aviation Industry and other industrial markets, demonstrating its confidence that there is a large opportunity for WiMAX technology. Its interactive events provide all participants the chance to meet, exchange ideas, and develop business and cooperative relationships. We expect to host a follow-up Aviation Summit in Europe in 2014.

The aim of the WiMAX Forum Summits is to create awareness about how WiMAX is a cost-efficient, sustainable and easily scalable solution for broadband distribution. WiMAX technology is currently being deployed in many countries across the world and the summits highlight the opportunities, challenges and strategies involved in operating profitable WiMAX networks in each targeted region and market.

Further information regarding these events will be made available on the WiMAX Forum events page: [www.WiMAXForum.org/events](http://www.WiMAXForum.org/events).

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