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The event will provide the opportunity to attend seminars, presentations and, most importantly, to network.

The **ATCA** 56th Annual Conference & Exposition takes place from 2-5 October 2011 in Washington DC. It provides the opportunity for attendees to network with industry colleagues, listen to experts on the future of air traffic control, and join panel discussions on issues ranging from the latest technology to unmanned aerial vehicles.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA). Founded in 1956, ATCA has been at the forefront of technological development and consistently brings together aviation and air traffic stakeholders to discuss the future.

companies and organisations, making it the largest ATCA exhibition to date.

As recognised ATC/ATM industry thought leaders, ATCA will take an in-depth look at the future of air traffic control. The event will include three days of presentations, seminars, networking opportunities and

- David Grizzle, chief operating officer, Air Traffic Organisation, Federal Aviation Administration
- Jane Garvey, 2011 Glen A Gilbert Memorial Award winner
- Eric Moody, retired British Airways 747 captain
- Scott D Altman, retired NASA astronaut.

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The ATCA Annual Conference & Exposition celebrates its 56th year as North America's premier air traffic control/air traffic management (ATC/ATM) conference, with 3,000 attendees and exhibits from more than 120

exhibitions, with the participation of internationally recognised experts in the ATC/ATM industry. Some of the keynote speakers will include:

- Administrator J Randolph Babbitt, Federal Aviation Administration

While topics such as weather, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and NextGen and Sesar innovations are always relevant, there are general sessions of equal importance:

- The Interactive FAA Panel (with an emphasis on audience participation)
- LightSquared
- The Future of Aviation Advisory Committee
- Fatigue in public safety.

Throughout the conference, ATCA will be posting updates on its official Facebook page, and reminding attendees of events and speakers with live tweets from www.twitter.com/ATCA. The *ATCA Today* daily newspaper will be delivered each day at the conference, with coverage of the previous day's presentations, and highlights and photos of the week's events.

Glen A Gilbert Memorial Award banquet

The week will conclude with a banquet and awards ceremony to honour the 2011 Glen A Gilbert Memorial Award winner Jane Garvey, chair of Meridiam and former FAA administrator.

The Glen A Gilbert Memorial Award is the highest honour bestowed by the Air Traffic Control Association, and one of the premier awards in aviation. It is presented annually to acknowledge the outstanding, long-term achievement of an individual in the field of aviation.

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The award is named after Glen A Gilbert, the father of air traffic control. Gilbert (1913-1982), a famous pilot and civil aeronautics administrator, led the

development of US and international air traffic control. He wrote the first official ATC manual, and played a key role in the formation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

With 28 years of experience in transportation and counting, Garvey

meets, and indeed exceeds, the criteria required to receive this prestigious award. As the 14th administrator of the Federal Aviation

Conference highlights

- Keynote address by FAA administrator, the Honorable J. Randolph Babbitt.
- Interactive panel discussions with industry experts, offering the opportunity for audiences to debate the latest topics in air traffic, from NextGen to fatigue.
- Glen A Gilbert Memorial Award banquet honouring Jane Garvey, former FAA administrator and chair of Meridiam North America.
- Full exhibit hall with leading companies in aviation and the latest technologies.
- Three days of networking opportunities.

Who should attend ATCA Annual Conference?

The topics at the ATCA Annual Conference are appropriate for a wide variety of individuals – air traffic controllers, policy developers and decision-makers, government and industry executives, ATC technology users and developers and air traffic management professionals in the following areas: civil aviation authorities, including government departments and regulators; airlines; ATC service providers and air navigation service providers; airports and airport authorities; systems contractors; manufacturers and suppliers; engineering; military; consultancies; associations; and unions.

Administration (FAA), she led the nation's aviation system into the 21st century and worked tirelessly to restore America's confidence in air travel after the events of 11 September 2001. While in the post, she aggressively expanded the capacity and capabilities of the air traffic control system.

In addition to her role at Meridiam, Garvey is a board member and trustee of MITRE Corporation and chair of MITRE's Aviation Committee.

She also sits on the board of directors for United Airlines and is chair of the board of the Bipartisan Policy Center.

She shares the honour of the Glen A Gilbert award with previous winners Neil Planzer, vice-president of air traffic management, the Boeing Company; Langhorne Bond, former FAA administrator; Captain Elrey Jeppesen, aviation pioneer and founder of Jeppesen; and Norman Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation and US congressman. The award trophy is displayed at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington DC.

The conference takes place from 2-5 October 2011 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Washington DC. For more information, visit www.atca.org/56Annual. ■



Jane Garvey is renowned for leading the US aviation system into the 21st century.