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Keynote Speaker

Ross Perot, Jr.



Chairman of The Perot Group
Chairman of Hillwood

Ross Perot, Jr. serves as Chairman of The Perot Group, which manages the various Perot family interests that include real estate, oil and gas and financial investments. In addition, Mr. Perot is Chairman of Hillwood, which he founded in 1988. Hillwood is ranked among the top ten real estate developers in the United States and is recognized for its high profile projects and public-private ventures. Hillwood Energy has natural gas and oil interests in the United States, Iraq and Russia. In 1982, after graduating from Vanderbilt University, he completed the first helicopter flight around the world. The 26,000 mile trip was completed in less than 30 days, crossing 26 countries, and 17 seas and oceans. His helicopter, *The Spirit of Texas*, is on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

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Master of Ceremonies

Pete Coz



**Board of Directors, Cold War Air Museum
LtCol USMC (Ret)**

Pete Coz retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Marine Corps in July 2001 where he spent most of his deployment flying missions on the AH-1J Cobra attack helicopter. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served as a Combat Pilot, as well as the Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer and Supporting Arms Coordination Officer for Marine Air Group 16. Pete currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Cold War Air Museum (CWAM) a 501(C)3 organization that maintains both rotary-wing and fixed-wing aircraft from the Cold War era. Pete has been involved with all aspects of the Museum's operations and he holds a Rotary-Wing CFI/CFII as well as a commercial fixed-wing rating. Pete currently divides his time between Southern California and the Dallas area.

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Bobby Waddle



Former Mayor, City of DeSoto
Past President, NCTCOG Executive Board
Col USAF (Ret)

Bobby G. Waddle, having served as Mayor of DeSoto from 2007-2010, currently serves as Past President on NCTCOG's Executive Board and is on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Regional Councils of Government. In 2005, the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce honored Bobby's years of service, contributions, and character by creating the Bobby Waddle Citizen of the Year Award. Bobby retired as Colonel from the United States Air Force in 1985 after 30 years of service. He flew more than 150 combat missions and has more than 5,000 hours of military flying time. He served as Commander of the 40th Cadet Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy and received two Legion of Merit Awards, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and 11 Air Medals.

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Michael O’Harra



Deputy Regional Administrator, Southwest Region Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, Texas

Since his appointment in February 2008, Michael O’Harra has served as the Deputy Regional Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration’s Southwest Region headquartered in Fort Worth. Mr. O’Harra also serves as the Regional Emergency Transportation Coordinator for the Department of Transportation, Region VI. In this role, he is the Secretary of Transportation’s senior representative to coordinate the federal response to disasters, emergencies or other events that impact transportation infrastructure. Mr. O’Harra holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park, where he graduated magna cum laude.

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Robert (Bob) LaBelle

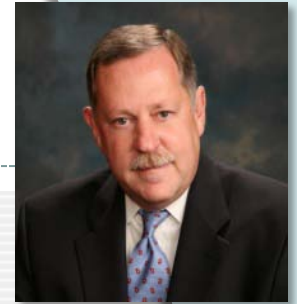


Managing Director, AgustaWestland Tilt Rotor Company

On November 1, 2004, Bob joined AgustaWestland in Reston, Virginia, and assumed management of the joint venture AgustaWestlandBell. Bob was responsible for program management of U.S. programs, including cost, schedule and technical performance, contract compliance, customer satisfaction, quality, schedule adherence, turnover and profit. In June 2011, he assumed the role of Managing Director, AgustaWestland Tilt Rotor Company, responsible for the continued development and certification of the AW 609 Tilt Rotor aircraft in Arlington, Texas. Bob joined AgustaWestland from the U.S. Navy where his last several assignments were in Naval Air Systems Command where he was a Program Manager for the E-2 Hawkeye and C-2 Greyhound aircraft.

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Wes Jurey



President and CEO, Arlington Chamber of Commerce

Wes Jurey was appointed President and CEO of the Arlington (Texas) Chamber of Commerce on October 1, 2001. Recognized nationally as a leader in the “Innovation Economy,” he established the Center for Innovation in 2002 as a catalyst for technology based economic development. He was one of 25 commissioners appointed by the Business Roundtable to serve on the Springboard Project, which provided recommendations to the Obama administration and was appointed in 2010 to the Council on Competitiveness Workforce Advisory Group. In 2010, the Center launched TechComm, a new Federal Partner Intermediary, focused on building an interagency model for federal technology transfer.

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Senator Royce West



Texas Senate

Senator West was first elected to the Texas State Senate in November 1992. During his tenure, he has been named by Texas Monthly as one of the 25 most powerful people in Texas politics and selected for the magazine's biennial "Ten Best Legislators in Texas" list. Senator West is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and is a member of Senate Committees on Education, Finance, Health and Human Services and Higher Education. In April 2005, Governor Rick Perry appointed Senator West to the Education Commission of The States. Senator West's key initiatives over his legislative career include creating college admission opportunities for all students.

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Giacinta Bradley Koontz



Aviation Historian and Author

Giacinta Bradley Koontz is a self-described “Aviation Anthropologist.” With a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from San Diego State, Giacinta’s background includes field work in historic archaeology, as well as museum curation. For the past 12 years, Giacinta has given hundreds of multi-media presentations on early aviation, including appearances at EAA AirVenture (Oshkosh). She has been featured on PBS and the History Channel in early aviation documentaries. In her newest book, *Pioneer Mechanics in Aviation*, Giacinta presents over 20 fact-filled stories of aircraft mechanics before WWII.

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Mike Nicely

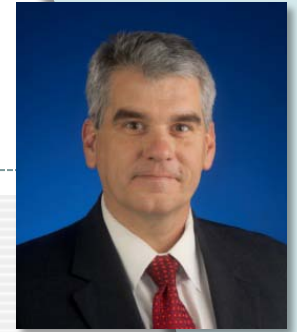


Manager, Texas Airports Development Office Federal Aviation Administration Southwest Region

Mike Nicely has served as Manager of the Texas Airports Development Office, part of the Federal Aviation Administration's Southwest Region Airports Division, since 2000. A primary role of the Texas Airports Development Office is the administration of the Airport Improvement Program, which is a grant program to assist airports with planning and capital development activities. For Texas, this program accounts for approximately \$250 million in airport improvements annually. Mike joined the FAA in 1988 and has also served as FAA's Senior Program Manager for DFW International Airport and Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

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Greg Miller



Deputy Director, Planning and Programming Section TxDOT Aviation Division

Prior to joining the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in 1993, Greg spent 15 years in the private sector as an engineering designer and software developer in the petrochemical, land development, and pavement management fields. He has been involved with airport design and development for The last 23 years. In recent years, a portion of his work at TxDOT has been focused on the development of software solutions for the division and the application of new technologies relating to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and electronic Airport Layout Plans.

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Michael Morris, P.E.



Director of Transportation, North Central Texas Council of Governments

Michael Morris has been on staff in the Transportation Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, since 1979. The Metropolitan Planning Organization serves the region by developing transportation plans and programs that address the transportation needs of a rapidly growing metropolitan area. As the Director of Transportation, since 1990, Michael is responsible for coordinating plans, programs, and projects to improve mobility and reduce vehicle emissions. He previously served as the Chairman of the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee and is a National Associate of the National Academies.

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