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BROTHER-SISTER TEAM TO PRESENT ON THE STATE OF AVIATION

BISMARCK - The Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC)'s CEO Roundtable event in Williston on November 6 will feature statewide experts on Transportation Innovations. Our final speakers of the day are brother-sister pair, Tommy Kenville and Dr. Kimberly Kenville. Their tag team presentation will cover the State of Aviation for Today and Tomorrow.

Tommy is a drone industry pioneer and innovator. He is the Rainmaker and CEO of ISight RPV Services, the first private drone company founded in North Dakota and headquartered in Grand Forks. "While drones are increasing efficiencies across our state, they are also spurring job creation. From the Grand Sky Park and Northern Plains UAS Test Site in Grand Forks, to the young, talented pilots graduating from UND and staying in North Dakota, the world of drones opens possibilities for our young people no matter their background," Tommy remarked on UAS in North Dakota.

Kim holds the rank of full professor and has attained tenure at the University of North Dakota (UND). She began teaching for the University of North Dakota in 1999. In 2011, Governor Jack Dalrymple appointed Kim to be a member of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. She currently serves as the chair. Kim was recently selected by the American Association of Airport Executives to teach on behalf of the US Trade and Development Association Aviation Cooperative Program in Shenzhen, China.

"These two individuals are experts in their field and are recognized beyond the borders of our state for their knowledge. Aviation or aerospace, whether it be drones, commercial air service, or cargo operations, continues to impact the business climate of North Dakota. It's vital to be aware of both challenges and opportunities that will influence the encouragement of further economic development for this industry," stated Arik Spencer, GNDC President and CEO.

Other sessions of the day include presentations from Jason Bohrer – Lignite Council on electric vehicles, Marlo Anderson on autonomous vehicles, and Brent Bogar on LoadPass permits. The event will be held at the newly constructed Williston Basin International Airport. Tours of the airport will be available to attendees.

To register for the event or for additional information on the speakers, visit ndchamber.com.

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About GNDC: The Greater North Dakota Chamber is the largest statewide business advocacy organization, representing businesses across the state of every size and industry sector. GNDC represents the interests of our members in promoting policies and initiatives in pursuit of making North Dakota's business climate the best in the nation.