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Academy of Model Aeronautics and Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals sign collaborative Memorandum of Understanding

MUNCIE, Ind.— A long-standing partnership between the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OPBAP) has been formalized with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson and other AMA team leaders met with OPBAP leaders Capt. Karl Minter and Capt. Albert Glenn Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, IN to sign the document. This agreement institutes a formalized relationship between two of the nation's premier aviation associations. The Memorandum of Understanding will assist the two organizations as they move forward with collaborative programs that nurture and support the growth of aviation participation, while being respectful of each group's mission.

“This agreement is one that will only improve the relationship AMA has built with OPBAP and provide more opportunities for those interested in pursuing aviation education,” said AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson.

Both organizations provide curriculum support and materials for middle and high school aviation and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)-related subjects. This is done through AMA's UAS4STEM, AeroLab, and additional activities, and OBAP's ACE Academy, Project Aerospace, Solo Flight Academies, and other aerospace educational opportunities. By signing the document, AMA and OBAP agree to explore collaborative ways to provide opportunities for youth and adults to initiate or increase their participation in full-scale or model aviation.

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 187,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership-based organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreation and educational purposes. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.

Founded in 1976, OBAP's mission is to enhance, advance, and promote educational opportunities in aviation/aerospace and to develop and sustain a process for the ongoing mentoring of our youth. Our goals are to motivate our youth to become educationally prepared for life, increase minority participation in aviation and aerospace through exposure, training,



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mentoring and scholarships, increase the number of underrepresented minority professionals, engineers, scientists, and management personnel in aviation and related industries, and to better assist our organization, membership concerns, and constituencies.