

## ACP Members Meet USTDA Director Lee Zak to Advance Bilateral Civil Aviation Cooperation

On June 25, 2013, U.S. – India Aviation Cooperation Program (ACP) Board Members met with Leocadia I. Zak, Director, U.S. Trade and

Dialogue in New Delhi. During the Strategic Dialogue, USTDA highlighted the breadth of its engagement in the Indian market and the tangible



Development Agency (USTDA) to discuss upcoming projects to advance civil aviation cooperation between the United States and India.

Director Zak was visiting New Delhi to participate in the U.S.-India Strategic

outcomes that are being achieved -from expanding economic
development in India to increasing
exports of goods and services from the
United States to meet India's needs.

During the meeting with ACP

members, Director Zak announced USTDA's continued support to ACP through a grant to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for a Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Project and also approval for a Technical, Management, and Operational Development Training (TMODT) Program with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

" USTDA has funded three aviation summits to date, as well as several technical workshops, technical assistance and feasibility/pilot activities within the ACP." stated Director Zak. USTDA and the Government of India, in cooperation with the ACP, will soon sponsor the fourth aviation Summit during October 29-31, 2013 in Washington, DC. Senior aviation leadership from the US and Indian governments and public / private sector will be in attendance at the event. Director Zak encouraged ACP members to actively participate in the upcoming Summit.

The ACP is in its sixth program year with





a current membership of 25 companies and growing. The members include Boeing, Beechcraft Corporation, Cessna, CH2M Hill, FedEx, GAMA, GE, Harris, Hi-Tec Systems, Honeywell, IBM, L&B, L3 Security & Detection Systems, Metron Aviation, Moog, Oshkosh Corporation, ProMark Associates, Raytheon, SuperAwos, Supreme Aviation, TATI, United Technologies, Universal Aviation, UPS & Vaughn college

Speaking on the occasion, Yash Kansal, Country Manager, Oshkosh Corporation and Co-Chair (Industry), ACP said "the ACP member companies with combined global annual turnover in excess of \$ 500 billion collectively contribute more

than 10 percent of overall US exports to India thereby strongly supporting the economic and trade cooperation pillar of the US – India strategic dialogue".

"The Aviation Cooperation Program mirrors the long-term commitment of U.S. Government agencies as well as the leading lights of U.S. industry to bring in advanced technologies, solutions and provide trainings to contribute to the modernization of India's air traffic management system and scale up regulatory capacity to foster a safe air transportation system," stated Ajay Kumar, who was speaking on behalf of the U.S. Government Chair and South Asia Senior Representative of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Also, present at the occasion were Margaret Hanson-Muse, Minister-Counselor for Commercial Affairs, US Embassy, Henry Steingass, USTDA Regional Director and Atul Vyas, Acting Secretary General, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce.

