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### **GULFSTREAM TO RECEIVE 2014 ROBERT J. COLLIER TROPHY**

**Washington, DC, March 12, 2015** – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced last evening at their Spring Awards Dinner that Gulfstream has been named as the recipient of the 2014 Robert J. Collier Trophy “For the development of the Gulfstream G650 Business Jet, which strengthened business aviation through significant technological advancements in aircraft performance, cabin comfort, and safety.” The Collier Selection Committee, comprised of 30 individuals from throughout the aviation and aerospace industry, met earlier in the day to listen to presentations from each nominee.

The Collier Trophy is awarded annually "...for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year." The list of Collier recipients represents a timeline of air and space achievements, marking major events in the history of flight.

“It was a very strong list of nominations which reflect the advancement of the world’s aviation industry,” said Jim Albaugh, Chairman of NAA. “It was a difficult list from which to select a recipient, and I congratulate Gulfstream on this great honor.”

Skip Ringo, Vice Chairman of NAA and the Chairman of the Selection Committee, echoed those sentiments. “It was a great challenge for the committee to have to narrow the list down to one. But the committee did their homework and asked the right questions - and we certainly selected a most worthy recipient. It was a great honor for all of us to participate.”

Other nominees for the 2014 Collier Trophy were:

- Alan Eustace and the StratEx Team
- Embraer Legacy 500
- F-16 Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance Team
- General Aviation Joint Steering Committee
- Orion Exploration Flight Test-1
- Aurora Flight Sciences Orion UAS

Jonathan Gaffney, President and CEO of NAA, managed the selection process. “By any measure – from the diversity of the nominations, the energy of the presentations, and the interaction with the Selection Committee – it was an exceptional day. Thank you to all who participated in this very historic process.”

The Selection Committee consisted of:

Jim Albaugh, Chairman, NAA

Skip Ringo, Vice Chairman, NAA

Two former recipients of the Collier Trophy:

Larry James – NASA/JPL Mars Curiosity Rover (2012)

Carl Johnson – Northrop Grumman X47-B (2013)

And:

Richard Aboulafia, The Teal Group

Ali Bahrami, AIA

David Balloff, Embraer

Andrew Broom, Honda Aircraft Company

Steve Brown, National Business Aviation Association

Steve Callaghan, NAA Awards And Events Committee

Steve Champness, Aero Club of Metropolitan Atlanta  
Brian Chase, Textron  
Dave Coleal, Spirit AeroSystems  
Barry Eccleston, Airbus Group  
Dave Franson, Wichita Aero Club  
Randy Greene, Safe Flight Instrument Corporation  
T.C. Jones, Northrop Grumman  
Tim Keating, The Boeing Company  
Leo Knaapen, Bombardier Aerospace  
Joe Lombardo, General Dynamics  
Dr. Sandy Magnus, AIAA  
Dave Manke, United Technologies/Pratt & Whitney  
Mary Miller, Signature Flight Support  
Stan O'Connor, GE Aviation  
Ken Panos, AeroJet Rocketdyne  
Steve Plummer, Rolls-Royce North America  
Bob Rubino, Lockheed Martin  
Laurie Sussman, Rockwell Collins  
John Tylko, Aurora Flight Sciences  
Mark Van Tine, Jeppesen

The Collier Trophy will be formally presented at the annual Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner at a date and location to be determined. For ticket information or to view a complete list of previous recipients of the Collier Trophy, please visit [www.naa.aero](http://www.naa.aero).

***The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.***

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