



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Northrop Grumman to Collaborate on Advancing Aviation and Aerospace Education in Abu Dhabi

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Nov. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide (Embry-Riddle) and Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC), acting through its wholly-owned subsidiary Northrop Grumman ISS International Inc. (NGISSI), today announced they will work together toward a potential collaboration involving the joint development, delivery, and administration of Embry-Riddle training and educational programs in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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The memorandum of agreement (MoA) signed by Duke Dufresne, president of NGISSI, and Martin A. Smith, chancellor of Embry-Riddle, harnesses the expertise of each organization to further the UAE's goals of expanding aviation and aerospace education degree and certification programs in the region.

"Northrop Grumman's program management, international business and aerospace and aviation technology expertise, combined with our leading-edge and globally recognized core academic curriculum forge a powerful partnership to address the current and future aviation and aerospace needs in the Middle East," Chancellor Smith said.

Under the terms of the MoA, the parties intend to collaborate with Mubadala Development Company PJSC (Mubadala), a government-owned investment arm of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, to potentially bring several degree programs to Abu Dhabi and support the development of a regional aerospace education campus. During the 2007 Dubai Air Show held Nov. 11-15, 2007, NGISSI also signed two MoAs with Mubadala and Injazat Data Systems, an Abu Dhabi-based provider of software and IT solutions, in support of the UAE's growth strategy.

"The collaboration between our two organizations marks a significant step in supporting the UAE's educational and economic development objectives," said NGISSI President Dufresne. "We look forward to the positive dialogue that will be derived from this agreement and believe it is the start of a very prosperous relationship for all concerned."

About Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace, offers more than 30 degree programs in its colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Business, and Engineering. The university educates more than 34,000 students annually in undergraduate and graduate programs at residential campuses worldwide. Locations include Prescott, Ariz., Daytona Beach, Fla., and 130 campus centers in the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

About Northrop Grumman

Northrop Grumman Corporation is a \$30 billion global defense and technology company whose 120,000 employees provide innovative systems, products, and solutions in information and services, electronics, aerospace, and shipbuilding to government and commercial customers worldwide.

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