



Langford Honored with Lifetime Achievement Laureate

Washington, DC, March 2, 2018 – Dr. John S. Langford, III President, CEO and Founder of Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation, was presented the *Aviation Week* Philip J. Klass Lifetime Achievement Laureate for his exemplary accomplishments as an outstanding aerospace entrepreneur, as a pioneer and innovator in autonomous flight, and as a dedicated champion of STEM education. The 61st Annual Laureate Awards, held at a gala in Washington, DC, honors extraordinary achievements in the global aerospace arena.

Prior to Aurora, a leading developer and manufacturer of unmanned aerial systems and aerospace vehicles, Langford worked for the Lockheed Corporation as an engineer on the development of the F-117 stealth fighter. He has been a competitor or U.S. team manager in twelve space model world championships and serves as the U.S. liaison to the Federation Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). Langford received his Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where his education focused on aeronautics, astronautics, and defense policy. While at MIT, Langford organized and led a series of human-powered aircraft projects, culminating in the Daedalus Project, which in 1988 shattered the world distance and endurance records for human-powered flight. He founded Aurora the following year.

Langford's lifelong interest in the government's role to advance aerospace has also shaped his accomplishments as an active participant and advisor in public policy including serving in key roles on the NASA Advisory Committee, the Aerospace Industries Association, the National Aeronautic Association and the National Academy of Engineering as well as serving on several academic advisory boards at our nation's leading aerospace universities. John was selected as a Fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in 2012, was elected as its next President starting May of this year, and was recently named as a member of the distinguished National Academy of Sciences class of 2018.

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About Aurora Flight Sciences:

Aurora Flight Sciences is an innovative technology company which strives to create smarter aircraft through the development of versatile and intuitive autonomous systems. Operating at the intersection of technology and robotic aviation, Aurora leverages the power of autonomy to make manned and unmanned flight safer and more efficient. Headquartered in Manassas, Virginia, Aurora operates production plants in Bridgeport, West Virginia and Columbus, Mississippi, has Research and Development Centers in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dayton, Ohio and Mountain View, California, and a European office, Aurora Swiss Aerospace, located in Luzern, Switzerland. To view recent press releases and more about Aurora please visit our website at www.aurora.aero .

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