



*Aurora's Mark Cherry and Matt Hutchison*

## **Hutchison to become Aurora COO as Boeing Picks Cherry to Lead Phantom Works**

Manassas, VA, October 17, 2017 – Aurora Flight Sciences today named Matthew G. Hutchison to be the company's Chief Operating Officer. Hutchison replaces Mark C. Cherry, who was today named by Boeing as the new head of the Boeing Phantom Works. Boeing recently announced a transaction to acquire Aurora.

Hutchison currently serves as Vice President for Engineering at Aurora. He joined Aurora in 1993 as an engineering analyst supporting the company's unmanned-aircraft development programs. He was instrumental in the creation of Athena Technologies, a spinout from Aurora that was sold to Rockwell Collins in 2008, and ultimately led their Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Controls Technologies business. Hutchison rejoined Aurora in 2014. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, both from Virginia Tech and was recently named as an Associate Fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

"This is great news for Boeing and great news for Aurora. Matt and Mark are two of our industry's outstanding leaders and this further strengthens the ties between Aurora and Boeing," said Chairman and CEO John Langford.

###

**Media Contact:**

Shelly Simi

571-379-0071

[simi.shelly@aurora.aero](mailto:simi.shelly@aurora.aero)

**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](http://www.aurora.aero).

*APR350*