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## **Helicopter Association International's Annual HAI HELI-EXPO Landing in Anaheim This Week**

*Alexandria, Virginia (February 19, 2024)* — Watch the skies over downtown Anaheim late this week, as nearly sixty helicopters arrive at the Anaheim Convention Center (ACC) for Helicopter Association International's HAI HELI-EXPO 2024. The world's largest vertical aviation conference and trade show, the event draws attendees from around the world to celebrate the rotorcraft industry. The show runs from Feb. 26 - 29, with exhibits open Feb. 27–29.

“The arrival of the helicopters creates HAI's version of an air show, with aircraft landing every 10 to 15 minutes in a space smaller than a city block,” says Helicopter Association International's (HAI's) Dan Sweet. “Anyone in near Disneyland or the Anaheim Convention Center will have the opportunity to see the aircraft flying in and then departing after the show's conclusion.”

The helicopters will fly into a staging area just west of the ACC, beginning about 10:00 am on Fri., Feb. 23 and will conclude later that afternoon, as daylight fades. The flights will resume about 10:00 am on Sat., Feb. 24, and will continue until all aircraft have arrived. On Feb. 29 and March 1, following the show's conclusion, the aircraft will depart from the same staging area. “We have some of the largest helicopters arriving for the show, plus several of the smallest and everything in between. Our various industry sectors, including private, civil, public service, and military, use a wide variety of mission-specific helicopters and most of these aircraft are represented.”

HAI HELI-EXPO 2024 is the one global event for everything in the helicopter industry, featuring over 600 exhibitors, including aircraft manufacturers, helicopter operators, and suppliers of parts, accessories, and maintenance services, among others. Nearly 60 helicopters will be displayed across the floor of the ACC, including models from Airbus, Bell, Leonardo, MD Helicopters, Robinson, Sikorsky, and several other manufacturers. Some of the latest in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) technology and aircraft will also be on display.

“We're excited to return to Anaheim,” says Sweet. “We've been coming here for many years because our attendees love the city, the venue, and the hospitality of area businesses. Speaking of business, we anticipate approximately \$2 billion worth of business will take place during the four days of our show.”

HAI HELI-EXPO spans the industry spectrum, attracting operators, pilots, mechanics, students, military service members, and helicopter aficionados to the multiday event. Attendees can meet with

prospective employers, catch up with industry trends, network with colleagues, do business on the show floor, and attend more than 100 industry, safety, and technical meetings, presentations, and education courses.

For more information about HAI HELI-EXPO 2024, including registration fees, visit [www.heliexpo.com](http://www.heliexpo.com).

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