2018 Strategic Priorities

1. Promote robust, balanced and stable U.S. defense spending
   - Robust – Seek sustained real annual topline growth of at least 5% across the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP), and continue to advocate for repeal or upward revision of the BCA caps
   - Balanced – Promote increased investment in O&M, R&D and procurement to reduce fleet age, recapitalize the force, improve military capability and readiness, and strengthen the A&D industrial base
   - Stable – Encourage consistent and timely passage by Congress of defense budgets and legislation

2. Promote a secure, efficient and innovative industrial base that shapes and supports U.S. national security strategy and enhances economic growth
   - Drive acquisition and regulatory reforms within OSD’s new acquisition structure, the military services, and other government customers
   - Develop the Defense Policy Council as industry’s collective voice on national security policy and strategy
   - Enhance industry’s government, press and public advocacy on industrial base issues
   - Foster cybersecurity awareness, compliance, and capability in the defense industry
   - Advocate for reform of the security clearance process to encourage workforce and program stability in the defense industrial base

3. Advocate for policies and funding that enable the achievement of NextGen performance objectives and the safe integration of UAS and other new entrants into the NAS
   - Enhance Administration and Congressional support for continuing NextGen implementation and the safe integration of UAS and supersonic civil aircraft into the NAS
   - Use the NAC and other appropriate stakeholder bodies to establish FAA priorities, drive needed actions and ensure accountability for NextGen performance improvements
   - Promote FCC and State Department action on international spectrum allocations and domestic service rules enabling non-federal UAS operations in non-segregated airspace
   - Facilitate global harmonization of UAS and supersonic aircraft standards at FAA and international bodies to achieve timely rulemaking
   - Monitor status of ATC reform proposals and provide analysis and recommendations to members, as appropriate

4. Collaborate with the FAA, regulatory authorities and Congress to accelerate and streamline product approval processes
   - Collaborate with Regulatory Authorities on implementation of the Certification Transformation Road Map
   - Advocate for regulatory reform that enhances streamlined certification processes and procedures
   - Implement continuous improvement process for Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) effectiveness metrics and develop international validation metrics
   - Advocate for rulemakings on CO2, Non-volatile Particulate Matter (NvPM), and noise

5. Advance government-industry partnership to guide and support execution of security cooperation enterprise reforms
   - Identify and achieve security cooperation priorities by organizing an ongoing Security Cooperation Dialogue led by State and Defense Departments
   - Secure reforms that address policy, contracting and technology release barriers (e.g. for UAS, cyber, and satellite exports), and advocacy for industry responsiveness and competitiveness to fulfill partner requirements
6. Expand the U.S. aerospace and defense industry’s access to the global marketplace
   > Advocate for the full functionality of the U.S. Export-Import Bank
   > Shape and promote commercial trade policies and practices that expand industry’s global competitiveness

7. Increase Civil Aerospace Investment
   > Ensure Civil aerospace-related investments are included in future Administration plans to promote economic growth
   > Advocate stability for existing NASA programs of record and increased NASA budgets to support Science, Exploration, Space Technology Development and Aeronautical Research
   > Increase NASA’s budget above inflation & no less than the increase in non-defense domestic discretionary spending
   > Coalesce a clear industry consensus on new human exploration space initiatives to enable future crewed exploration missions
   > Facilitate an industry consensus on the appropriate use of commercial approaches to meet government space objectives
   > Assure Earth Science budgets (NASA and NOAA) are sufficient to continue resilient weather satellite and Earth observation capabilities for first responders, national security users forecasting, and airspace utilization

8. Assure America’s 21st Century space competitiveness
   > Advocate for robust national security space programs to assure U.S. space leadership, providing the ability to respond to future threats while sustaining resilient space capabilities
   > Seek real growth in national security space systems modernization and technology insertion to assure the US remains unsurpassed in the increasingly contested space environment
   > Advance an industry effort to make space a national economic growth priority supporting the development and fielding of commercial space capabilities and technologies for both current services and new applications
   > Proactively institute regulatory frameworks, policies and outreach to foster new market opportunities for US space and space services industries
   > Support FAA’s commercial space transportation functions, while streamlining existing rules to minimize the regulatory burden on U.S. industry
   > Advocate US leadership in developing an international consensus to challenges including space traffic management, debris mitigation, and extraterrestrial resource utilization

9. Advocate for programs, policies, and investments that promote innovation and technology in the U.S. aerospace and industrial community
   > Advocate for technology investment and government funding that support shared pre-competitive research and support innovation, and technical capabilities throughout the supply chain and the product lifecycle
   > Work with our customers and supply network to support digital transformation of the ecosystem through model-based development practices and standards and other innovations
   > Secure collective industry-wide agreements including customers and suppliers for the adoption of common approaches to shared business issues (architecture and interoperability standards, regulations, processes, technologies)
   > Promote the development and adoption of consensus-based standards and policies that drive industry best practices and member value

10. Promote growth of a sustainable, capable, eligible, and diverse workforce to support a healthy U.S. Aerospace and Defense industrial-base
    > Collaborate on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) efforts to inspire, educate, train, develop, and improve access to future generations for the A&D workforce (TARC and other STEM opportunities)
    > Promote A&D Industry engineering and technical prowess to attract qualified talent
    > Promote A&D manufacturing to attract a skilled technical workforce
    > Take a leadership role in filling gaps and reversing unfavorable trends discovered in workforce metrics
    > Leverage the AIA voice to advocate for a healthy regulatory and legislative environment to the benefit of the aerospace and defense workforce