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GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY/ TECHNION—THE ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TAKE TOP HONORS IN THE 2007 24th ANNUAL AHS/INDUSTRY/NASA STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

ALEXANDRIA, VA – AHS Executive Director M. E. Rhett Flater announced that Georgia Institute of Technology came in first place in the 24th Student Design Competition graduate category and the University of Maryland captured second place honors. Pennsylvania State University/Technion – Israel Institute of Technology captured the Best New Entrant honors.

In the undergraduate category, The Pennsylvania State University teaming with The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology won first-place and Georgia Institute of Technology came in second. Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. was the sponsor of the 24th annual competition which rotates among Boeing, Sikorsky, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. AgustaWestland, and now Eurocopter.

The AHS Student Design Competition, which challenges students to design a vertical lift aircraft which meets specified requirements, provides a practical exercise for engineering students at nationally accredited colleges and universities. The competition promotes student interest in vertical flight technology. The first- and second-place winning teams are awarded a cash stipend and the winning team is invited to the AHS Annual Forum and Technology Display to present their winning entry. Members of the teams receive one-day complimentary registration to the forum, the vertical flight industry's principal professional technical event. This year, Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. included a "New Entrant" category to stimulate interest in the competition.

Sikorsky challenged participants to design an advanced deployable compact rotorcraft, capable of operating from a submersible vehicle, in support of Special Operations Forces.

For those interested in more information about the AHS Student Design Competition please visit our web site at <http://www.vtol.org> The web site will also contain the Request for Proposal for the 2008 AHS Student Design Competition as well as the top winning entries from 2007.

AHS International – The Vertical Flight Society is a professional, technical society founded in 1943, that represents the interests of the worldwide vertical flight industry.

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