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VIRGINIA'S GATEWAY REGION ATTENDS WORLD'S LARGEST AIR SHOW

Farnborough, England – This past month Virginia's Gateway Region (VGR) crossed the Atlantic to attend the largest air show in the world, the Farnborough Air Show in Farnborough, England. More than 300,000 people were in attendance and helped celebrate the air show's 60th anniversary of the event being held at the Farnborough Aerodrome. Over the last 60 years the air show has grown from 187 exhibitors to the 1,500 exhibitors from 35 different countries it has today.

With the 2007 announcement of Rolls-Royce coming to the Gateway Region, VGR was in attendance to meet and potentially partner with suppliers of the industry giant. With the impending groundbreaking of Rolls-Royce, suppliers are looking towards the Gateway Region as the ideal location for their east coast operations.

"The Farnborough Air Show was an excellent opportunity to showcase the diverse qualities of Virginia's Gateway Region to potential suppliers. Rolls-Royce, combined with the Fort Lee expansion is a huge catalyst for our region and we look forward to the opportunity to welcome suppliers from around the world to our region," said Renee Wyatt-Chapline, Executive Director of Virginia's Gateway Region.

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Virginia's Gateway Region exists to enhance the economic development opportunities for the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg, and the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry and Sussex. The Gateway Region is a private, nonprofit economic development organization that is publicly and privately funded to facilitate new business opportunities, work with existing businesses, advance resources that will enhance the economic viability of the region and foster regional cooperation among the public and private entities that are involved in economic development activities. For more about VGR visit www.gatewayregion.com.