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**ADDAPT CALLS ON MANTA AIRCRAFT TO BUILD THEIR NEW
PERSONAL MOBILITY AIRCRAFT ON LONG ISLAND**

[ADDAPT hosts a Virtual Manufacturing Day for Manta
to showcase LI's Defense and Aerospace Industries](#)

Robert Botticelli, Chairman of the Board of ADDAPT, Long Island's Defense and Aerospace Trade Organization, hosted on Wednesday September 2nd **over 50 ADDAPT members to listen to Lucas Marchesini, CEO of Manta Aircraft discuss their new ANN Personal Mobility Aircraft.** MANTA AIRCRAFT, based in Switzerland, is an engineering design and technology company active in the development of high-tech multi-purpose platforms for electric and hybrid-electric flying vehicles. Manta is looking for a US location to manufacture their ANN Personal Mobility Aircraft with production to start in early 2023.

Chairman Botticelli says, "Long Island's defense and aerospace industries have the expertise and experience to build this aircraft and or supply the major components of this new type of aircraft. Long Island has done it before, and we are ready to lead into the next era of personal mobility aircraft production and use. Long Island is the birthplace and Cradle of Modern Aviation".

"We are thrilled by the prospected opportunity to contribute restoring aircraft production in the 'Cradle of Aviation' – said Manta Aircraft CEO Lucas Marchesini – "and we are proud and eager to respond to the challenge offered to us by aerospace history, to help ADDAPT companies to exploit their own technological background in a program that is being developed at the forward edge of a New Aviation, fostering personal and regional mobility".

Manta anticipates that one-third scale prototypes are ready for flight testing in 2020 with maiden flight of pre-production aircraft scheduled for 2022, and production in 2023. Manta's needs center around electrical systems, tooling suppliers, resin systems and metallic materials, landing gear, supply chain production and site selection of a Long Island facility. Mr. Marchesini said, "we know Long Island's defense and aerospace industries and companies are strong".

Lou Melluzzo, CEO of Air Industries in Bayshore & ADDAPT Board Member says, "Air Industries can provide complete design and build of complex tooling and landing gear systems. I am confident ADDAPT members can build this aircraft on Long Island".

Robert Botticelli says ADDAPT has contacted local officials and municipalities to demonstrate Long Island's aspiration to find a home for Manta and the jobs associated with the design, build and distribution of their new personal aircraft. ADDAPT is committed to working with LI's towns and counties to attract Manta and secure a manufacturing facility on LI. Representative Tom Suozzi, 3rd CD, has made building planes on Long Island one of his priorities and would welcome the aviation jobs to Long Island.

MANTA AIRCRAFT's present programs are focused on the development of high-performance hybrid eV / STOL aircraft - vertical and short take-off and landing - designed for personal mobility with wide regional range. These aircraft can also be developed in the "utility" category with versions for special purposes such as environment surveillance, emergency assistance, search and rescue or any other special operations.

Manta believes a world with personal mobility aircraft is upon us and see the corporate world as the main audience. The ANN Aircraft can travel more than 380 miles and can serve regional customers who want to travel between NY and Boston while not wasting time with airports and ground infrastructure locations. The ANN Aircraft can land close to desired locations saving a lot of time. Manta anticipated regional use like NY to Boston or Los Angeles to San Francisco, St. Louis to Chicago. Institutional users are also a target audience for this aircraft, Manta says law enforcement, hospitals, the US Air Force, and several NATO countries have already expressed interest. Their product does not compete with proposed air taxis or urban in-city travel products.

ADDAPT is a not-for-profit trade organization focused on taking the Long Island Aerospace & Defense Industry into a new era of prosperity. ADDAPT does this in two ways: We provide a strong voice for the region in the political arena; and we help our members with marketing and sales.

The majority of spending for Aerospace and Defense emanates from the Federal government. ADDAPT provides a platform for our members to combine their voices to influence the decisions that bring large contracts to the area. We do this by listening to our members, listening to key policy makers and politicians, and facilitating bringing the two together in alignment.

ADDAPT focuses on helping member organizations market and sell their goods and services locally, regionally, and around the world. We do this by arranging quality networking opportunities, and by providing tools, training, and mentoring with industry best practices and the latest internet based methodology.

HISTORY

ADDAPT was formed in 1991 as a response to significant reductions in defense spending by the Federal Government. It was originally organized as an alliance of technology based aerospace and defense companies located throughout the state of New York. The mission was to promote the interests of New York companies adversely affected by the resulting consolidations among "Prime" contractors and the corresponding downsizing throughout the aerospace and defense industry.

In 2017, the ADDAPT Board of Directors expanded the organization's mission, emphasizing the use of prevailing digital marketing and sales practices to help our members grow their businesses.